The leadership of First Congregational Church, New London is recommending the following guidelines for resuming in-person worship on July 19.

Services will start at 9:30am (instead of 10:45am). This will allow for less contact with Engaging Heaven Church and also make outdoor worship more comfortable.

- Please maintain distance of 6 feet from one another at all times.
- Masks will be required during the service. We will have masks on hand for those who do not have one.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided, congregants should sanitize their hands upon arrival.

Services will be held, weather permitting, on the patio outside the State St. doors. In the event of rain, services will be held indoors in the sanctuary, with people seated at least six feet apart.

- Congregants should park on or around State St and go directly up the ramp or stairs to the front patio, avoiding having to enter the church building.
- Chairs will be set up six feet apart. **Congregants will be encouraged to bring their own chairs.** Patio will be marked with chalk to show where chairs can be set up.
- Plastic chairs will need to be disinfected prior to worship and immediately after worship, before being put away.
- Members of the same household do not need to remain 6 feet apart.
- Congregants should avoid using the church restroom if at all possible.

Music during the service will be either pre-recorded or instrumental, with only quiet humming allowed. Words to prayers and hymns will be projected on the TV screen.

Rather than a communal loaf and cup, congregants will be encouraged to bring their own communion elements.

Coffee hour will be postponed until such time as it is safe to resume.

We look forward to seeing all who feel comfortable joining us for in-person worship. For those who wish to remain home for now, the service will be live-streamed on Facebook live at 9:30am every Sunday morning.