

Aurora Methodists to resume drive-in worship services after hiatus

After a two-week hiatus, Flowing Forth United Methodist Church in Aurora will resume drive-in worship services on Sundays in August.

Flowing Forth UMC is the only Chicago-area Methodist church offering drive-in services.



The public is invited. Weather permitting, outdoor worship services will be held at 10 a.m. Sundays Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 in the west parking lot at Aurora Christian School, 2255 Sullivan Rd. in Aurora. Services are also held online, as they were on July 19 and 26 after several drive-in services.

Rev. Derek Rogers of North Aurora, Flowing Forth lead pastor, will preach on “Faith Made Visible: A Study of the Sacraments.” He said, “We celebrate the sacraments of baptism and communion often in our congregation. But do we really understand what these practices are all about?

“Or how do they shape us in our life of faith? During this sermon series we’ll discover how the simple and mundane elements of water, bread, and juice are transformed into visible signs of God’s grace and how that grace in turn transforms our life.”

Rev. Rogers explained drive-in worship, saying, “A drive-in worship service works like a drive-in movie theater, allowing us to hold an in-person worship service while still respecting social distancing.

“We’ll join together in the parking lot and stay in our vehicles while tuning car radios to broadcast frequency 1660 AM to listen to the music, prayers, and sermon together. A greeter will direct drivers where to park vehicles, at least six feet apart.”

When singing, car windows must be rolled up. No bulletins or handouts will be provided. The building and restrooms will not be open.

Prayer requests can be submitted prior to the service through the church website or by texting Pastor Rogers during the service.

Communion will be celebrated. To participate, worshippers should bring bread and juice. The pastor will bless the elements from a distance during the service.

A freewill collection will be taken as motorists exit the parking lot.

Call (630) 239-2321 or visit flowingforthumc.org for more information.

PHOTO: Rev. Derek Rogers, pastor at Flowing Forth United Methodist Church in Aurora, preaches at a drive-in worship service June 12 in the parking lot at Aurora Christian School in Aurora. After a two-week hiatus, the church will add drive-in services to online services during Sundays in August. (Al Benson photo)