

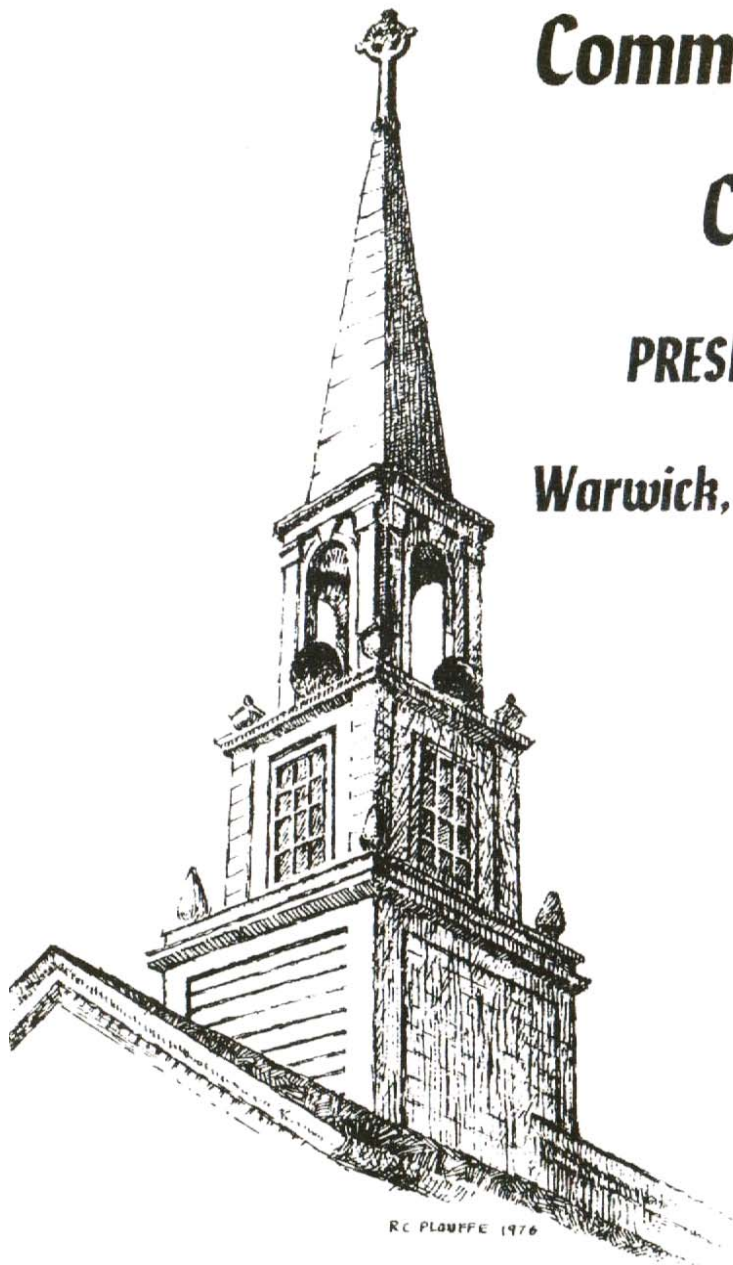
# Greenwood

# Community

# Church

# PRESBYTERIAN

# Warwick, Rhode Island



## OUR MISSION

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, seeks to have a three-fold ministry in obedience to our Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20):

**"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ..."** We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls of all nationalities into a vital relationship with the Son of God.

**"... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ..."** We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the family of God.

**"... teaching them to observe all I have commanded you ..."** We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the Word of God.

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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**May 2, 2021**

*“Grant, O Lord, that the ears which have heard the voice of Thy Word may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute; that the eyes which have seen Thy great love may also behold Thy blessed hope; that the tongues which have united in Thy praise may speak the truth; that the feet which have walked in Thy courts may walk in the ways of light; and that the bodies which have partaken of Thy living Body may be restored in newness of life. Amen.”*

*A prayer of William Barclay, 1907-1978*

**PRELUDE** *At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing* J. Pachelbel  
*(originally “Alle Menschen Müssen Sterben”)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *I John 4:7-12*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(adapted from Psalm 116:12-14; Psalm 34:3)*

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things He has done for us?

WE WILL LIFT UP THE CUP OF SALVATION AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD!

We will fulfill our vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

O PRAISE THE LORD WITH US; LET US EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER!

**\*+HYMN** *All Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(first silently, then in unison):*

HOLY GOD, SOURCE OF ALL LOVE, ON THE NIGHT OF HIS BETRAYAL JESUS GAVE HIS DISCIPLES A NEW COMMANDMENT, TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS HE LOVED THEM. WRITE THIS COMMANDMENT IN OUR HEARTS; GIVE US THE WILL TO SERVE AS HE SERVED, WHO GAVE HIS LIFE AND DIED FOR US, YET IS ALIVE AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. FORGIVE US FOR EVERY FAILURE TO LOVE AS WE OUGHT TO LOVE, FORGIVE AS WE OUGHT TO FORGIVE, SERVE AS WE OUGHT TO SERVE, DO WHAT YOU’VE CALLED US TO DO AND BE WHAT YOU’VE CALLED US TO BE. STRENGTHEN EVERY DESIRE WITHIN US TO AMEND OUR LIVES ACCORDING TO YOUR HOLY WILL. LEAD US ONCE AGAIN TO YOUR TABLE AND UNITE US TO CHRIST, WHO IS THE BREAD OF LIFE, THE VINE FROM WHICH WE GROW IN GRACE, AMEN.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(responsively)*

Believe the good news of the Gospel.  
IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Nicene Creed*

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE; AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL WORLDS, GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD OF VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE; WHO FOR US, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN, AND WAS CRUCIFIED ALSO FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND WAS BURIED, AND THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. AND HE SHALL COME AGAIN WITH GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE QUICK AND THE DEAD, WHOSE KINGDOM SHALL HAVE NO END. AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDETH FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPPED AND GLORIFIED, WHO SPOKE BY THE PROPHETS. AND WE BELIEVE ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH. WE ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. AND WE LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

**ANTHEM** *Lord of the Dance* arr. D. Hart  
*Chancel Choir*  
*Jaimeson Jacobs, Percussion*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *I John 4:13-21*

**ANTHEM** *His Banner Over Me Is Love*  
*Youth Choir*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *John 15:1-17*

**\*HYMN** *At the Lamb’s High Feast*

**SERMON** *A GARDEN DANCE*

**OFFERING**

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*The Invitation to the Table  
The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you.  
**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**ALL GLORY AND THANKSGIVING TO YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, FOR OUT OF YOUR GREAT MERCY YOU GAVE YOUR ONLY SON JESUS CHRIST TO TAKE OUR NATURE UPON HIM, AND TO SUFFER DEATH UPON THE CROSS FOR OUR REDEMPTION. REMEMBERING HIS INCARNATION AND HOLY LIFE, HIS PASSION AND PRECIOUS DEATH, HIS RESURRECTION AND GLORIOUS ASCENSION, AND HIS CONTINUAL INTERCESSION ON OUR BEHALF, WE DO SET FORTH THE MEMORIAL YOUR SON COMMANDED US TO MAKE. BLESS AND SANCTIFY THESE YOUR GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE, THAT THE BREAD WE BREAK MAY BE THE COMMUNION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND THE CUP OF BLESSING WE DRINK THE COMMUNION OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. ACCEPT THIS OUR SACRIFICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AS A LIVING AND HOLY OFFERING OF OURSELVES, THAT OUR LIVES MAY PROCLAIM THE ONE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN, WHO TAUGHT US TO PRAY: “OUR FATHER ... “**

*The Words of Institution  
The Communion  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**\*HYMN** *Give Thanks!*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son; (2x)  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us (2x)  
(repeat first stanza once, end with "Give thanks!")*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Crown Imperial* *William Walton*

*\*(Congregation standing, as able)*

<p>This prayer request is from: <i>Name of petitioner</i></p> <hr/> <p>Please pray for <i>Name(s) of person(s) of concern</i></p> <hr/> <p>May names listed above be included on the Deacon's Prayer List? <i>Please circle your reply:</i> Yes: names may be listed No: anonymity is preferred</p> <hr/> <p>May the pastor mention the names during worship's Intercessory Prayers? Yes, names may be mentioned No, anonymity is preferred</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Names will <u>NOT</u> be mentioned if the above is unanswered.</p>	<p>The need/situation to be prayed for is:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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*(Use the back if necessary)*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." -- Eph. 6:18

The Board of Deacons will be maintaining an ongoing Prayer Concerns list which will be available weekly in the narthex.

Should you have a matter of concern for which you would solicit the prayers of the church, please place this completed form in the offering plate or in the special box located on the narthex table.



*Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
Psalm 95:6*

# All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailling love and his wonderful deeds for men. Ps. 107:15

1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy  
 3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my  
 4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen - er -

a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -  
 keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er  
 call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from  
 a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their sal -

va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who  
 sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom of his might, lo, all is  
 fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him,  
 va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his

ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 thank our God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory:  
 Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!  
 All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
 To God all praise and glory!

6. Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;  
 to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:  
 Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.  
 To God all praise and glory!

# I JOHN 4:7-12, 13-21

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.*

By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

# JOHN 15:1-17

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another."

## AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST

## ANTHEM STORY: "LORD OF THE DANCE"

*Excerpted/adapted from an April 23, 2017 sermon, "Risen Risus"*

The choir's anthem "Lord of the Dance," was written by Sydney Carter in 1963 to a tune used by that American religious "subsect" of the Quaker sect called the Shakers, "Tis a Gift to be Simple." It was actually meant to be a dance tune, for the Shakers liked to use dance in worship. First stanza lyrics: "I danced in the morning when the world was begun, I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun. I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; At Bethlehem I had My birth." Chorus: "Dance, then, wherever you may be; 'I am the Lord of the Dance,' said He, 'and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He.'" Or, as I learned it in high school, "... I'll lead you all in a dance *that's free!*"

C.S. Lewis would have loved this anthem. In his writings he liked to use the imagery of the "dance," especially in his Space Trilogy (*Out of the Silent Planet*, *Perelandra*, and *That Hideous Strength* ... he also used it in his most well known work, *Mere Christianity*). He pointed out that we tend to think of the universe as a grand mechanism, but in medieval literature the picture of the universe was much more festive. In the medieval mindset the orderly movements of the universe were conceived not so much as those of a machine, but rather as a dance, a festival. A machine is cold, mechanical, unfeeling. But a dance is festive, fun, exuberant, alive; people laugh at a dance. I've always enjoyed square dancing. A square dance is most enjoyable when everyone follows the caller's instructions and steps in time accordingly; one learns the steps and obeys the calls and the dance is festive, enjoyable, even exhilarating for all. The enjoyment of the dance loses its luster, though, when some clod insists on doing his own thing, doesn't follow the rules, or is otherwise out of step with the rest of the square. In the dance the order is part of the fun; following the rules, obeying the calls, and staying in step with the "Lord" or the "Caller" or the "Leader" of the Dance serves to enhance the enjoyment of the dance. Somewhere along the way in my unfortunate generation, the "rules" for dancing generally went out the window; the preeminent form of "dancing" since, oh, the sixties became this do-your-own-thing freestyle jiggling, flailing, gyrating and "footloosing" (and in a later devolvement called "break dancing") that's been the bane of many a self-conscious teenager and has really detracted from the beauty and harmony which once characterized the dance floor ... there just is no grace of order, harmony, and coordination in "fast dancing" with partners as there is in square or ballroom dance.

C.S. Lewis: "The Dance is, in short, obedience itself; one attains freedom by submitting his or her own will to the design of the universe, moving in harmony and concord within it." True freedom and full enjoyment of life is found from keeping in step with the godly design of how things are created to be. Jesus is the Lord of the Grand Dance. Human like us, divine like God ... He dances the dance of the Universe; He's the grand Caller and He invites us to join Him on the dance floor. He invites us to learn how to stay in step with the divine order that was meant to give us abundant life and exhilarating joy. As mentioned earlier, I learned the last phrase of the chorus when singing "Lord of the Dance" in my young adult years (and as I taught it here with my guitar in Vacation Bible School and one or two Easter Sunrise services, accompanied by a much younger version of our Director of Music; I think John was 8 or 9 at the time!) as "... I'll lead you all in a dance *that's free.*" (or, to paraphrase John 8:32, "You shall know the Dance, and the Dance will set you free!"). Again, a dance is festive, fun, free-ing; people laugh at a dance. Joy is the serious business of this universe as created by a joyful and loving and living God!

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:  
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
with sin - cer - i - ty and love, eat we man - na from a - bove.  
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN**  
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*WELCOME to all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshiping online! As done each Sunday these past 58 weeks, the service will be archived and posted after the benediction and should be available for viewing and/or downloading for a number of weeks following. A special word of welcome to any and all visiting with us in person or online this morning ... welcome to our fellowship!*



Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Monika Algozino in loving memory of her father, Jerry Ramke, on his birthday (4/28), and by Beverly Carson in loving memory of her mother, Eleanor Kuzman, and Linda Fratus, grandmother to Logan, Gavin and Keegan.

**ORGAN RECITAL "NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT," Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2:00 pm.** John Black performs German organ works of Bach, Karg-Elert, Mendelssohn, and Reger; come and experience powerful expressions of grandeur and beloved familiar melodies. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be collected to benefit Greenwood's ministry of music. This will be both In-person and streamed live at [gccp.sermoncloud.com/live/](http://gccp.sermoncloud.com/live/).

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME CHANGE:** We will begin at **10:45 am** after the service of worship. There will be time for coffee, and then class where we will read and discuss the lectionary readings. Email Kevin Golde ([kevingolde@gmail.com](mailto:kevingolde@gmail.com)) to receive the weekly readings and the Zoom link.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATES! July 12 - July 16 for VBS "DESTINATION DIG!"** where kids will discover more than dirt when they unearth exciting evidence that biblical events were not just stories. We can't wait to explore a new EXPERIENCE and have a blast at VBS this year! Ages: four through entering grade 6. See Ginny Jacobs if you'd like to volunteer!

**THE PICASSO QUILTERS** need your help once again! We began making sleeping bags for the homeless in 2010 and have so far completed and delivered throughout our state **978** sleeping bags towards our goal of **1000**. The families here at Greenwood have supported this project over the years by donating some of the supplies we need to complete our sleeping bags. As you know, we make them with used materials. Right now we need used mattress pads, blankets, and comforters for the fillings. They can be faded, have a rip or two, or just be things you don't intend to use again. Thank you for all you do!

**THE MISSION COMMITTEE AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** would like to thank everyone who responded to the call to help others around the world by supporting and contributing to **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**. **\$660** was raised, the Mission Committee contributed and additional **\$340**, and a donor made a matching contribution of **\$1,000** for a total offering to Heifer of **\$2,000!** **THANK YOU!**

# FREE CLOTHING COME AND BE BLESSED!

May 22  
2021

9:30 am  
- TO -  
12:30 pm



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*Please do not arrive before 9 am.* When you arrive you will be given a number. Remain in your vehicle until your number is called. When your number is called please bring it to the check-in stations. Face-masks required. Please bring your own bags.