

**ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELATING TO
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

St. John’s United Methodist Church has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, St. John’s cannot guarantee that you or your children will not become infected with COVID-19 while present in our facilities. Further, your and your children’s presence in church facilities could increase your risk and your children’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By reserving attendance and attending in-person worship services at St. John’s, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my children and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by being present in church facilities and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at St. John’s may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Church employees, volunteers, members, attendees and others present in Church facilities.

In consideration for being permitted to use St John’s facilities, I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my children or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my children may experience or incur in connection with our presence in church facilities (“claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the church, its employees, trustees, volunteers, members, agents, and representatives, of and from the claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the church, its employees, trustees, volunteers, members, agents, and representatives, whether a Covid-19 infection occurs before, during, or after our presence in church facilities.

Signature: **By reserving your attendance with the church and attending St John’s in-person worship you accept this agreement**

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Witness Signature: **the records of the reservation tool being used by St. John’s UMC for reserving in-person attendance at worship serve as the verification of this agreement**