**Communion Options**Since Maundy Thursday is approaching, a number of pastors have been in touch on the safest ways to distribute communion. These are some of the options that congregations are adopting:

**Options for Communion Distribution:**

* Communion by Coming forward to servers, rather than passing plates.
* Servers hand sanitize before picking up plates or wear non-latex gloves
* Alternatively, servers who have hand sanitized or are wearing non-latex gloves hold the plates for each worshiper in the pews

**Options for Bread/Wafers and the Cup:**

* Bread is prepared by cutting into longer strips for dipping by intinction into common cup, so that fingers or worshipers don’t touch the juice. Preparer hand sanitizes or wears non-latex gloves. Bread is handed to worshiper by server who has hand sanitized or wears non-latex gloves.
* Bread is prepared by preparer who has hand-sanitized or is wearing non-latex gloves. Bread is handed to worshiper by server who has hand sanitized or wears non-latex gloves. Worshiper is then handed an individual communion cup that has been prepared following the same protocols.
* Switch to Communion wafers. (Eliminates handling in preparation.) Gluten free wafers available.
* Switch to individually packaged elements – juice and wafer. Gluten free options available.
* Cokesbury has wafers and pre-packaged elements that are reasonably priced. Amazon also has them available for quicker delivery.

**Options for Collecting Offerings:**

* Only Ushers handle the plates with individuals placing offerings while remaining seated in pews.
* People bring offerings forward during the offertory.
* Ushers are stationed at the doors before or following worship for collections.
* Encouragement of online giving.