

**Dear Chapelites,**

## **Ordinary Time**

The Christian year focuses on two great seasons, Christmastide and Eastertide, and on periods of preparation for them, Lent and Advent. The rest of the year is called Ordinary Time.



The United Methodist Church website says that “ordinary” does not mean “routine” or “not special.” It may be right, but I am a fan of “ordinary” time. The several weeks between Christmas and Ash Wednesday have always been down time when I can recharge with extra reading and reflection.

The more I think about it, I long for ordinary time. I look forward to post-pandemic time when life will return to normal. I look forward to smiling and laughing and handshakes and hugs. I can’t wait to watch sports from the stands. I want to travel to spend quality time with family. I look forward to when we can all be in church together. I anticipate a huge bonfire behind our house fueled with face masks. Ordinary time will come sooner or later, but I am praying for sooner.

Until then, pray and encourage one another. Friends are just a phone call or text away. Find ways to bring light to a dark world through your social media presence and your real-world work and influence. Make sure you worship the Lord inside, outside, or online. If you need anything, please let me know, and I’ll see what we can do.

Pray for one another. Pray with families that are grieving. Pray for healing for those who are ill or hurting. Pray with joy with those who are celebrating. Pray for one another. Pray for this virus to end.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Brad

## **Sunday Schedule**

**Option 1: Drive-in/Outside Worship. (8:15 am)** - Come to the parking lot, and tune to FM 90.5.

**Option 2: Inside Worship. (10:30 am)** - Please observe physically distant seating and wear face coverings.

**Option 3: Worship online.** The service is live streamed at 10:30 am. You can watch it live or later. Liberty Chapel’s YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/c/libertychapelc>

**Sunday School. (9:15)**

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