

# Summer at The Branch

Join us for worship at Garfield Park, May 2-Aug. 29

This summer, we'll be meeting at Garfield Park. Why the park? With the current Covid numbers, being outdoors makes more sense than being indoors at the building, and the park provides us with more options than the church lawn. We can easily stay physically distanced and it gives us the ability to provide a meaningful experience for BranchKids. Also, the park puts us in the middle of the community, giving us a chance to extend hospitality and welcome.

## The Basics

- We'll meet at Garfield Park from May 2-August 29.
- The GR Parks Department currently requires us to wear masks during our time.
- A *virtual worship* option will remain during the summer and beyond.
- If rain is in the forecast, or it is going to be really cold, we will simply move to an all-virtual form of worship on that Sunday. This determination will be made by 8am Sunday morning.
- We'll continue to meet from 10-11am (note: when we go back to meeting in the building we will go back to 9:30am)



## BranchKids

- During the summer, we will offer a fun, new version of BranchKids for **preschool** and **grade school** aged children. We will not have care for infants and toddlers.
- Children will start the morning with their parents and then be dismissed for the sermon. Along with an adult leader and student helper, kids will walk to a different area of the park. There, they will engage with the Scripture story in an age-appropriate way, participate in an activity together and connect with each other and leaders.

# What To Bring

- Bring a chair for each person in your crew. We'll have a few extras on hand too.
- Any art or creative supplies that you or your children might need.
- When we share communion, you will *not* need to bring your own bread and juice. We will provide individually packaged bread/cracker and juice. The bread/cracker will be gluten free.
- We always love to have your friends or neighbors join us, and this informal, unique season may be the perfect time to invite them.

# Parking

- Use the park entrance off of Madison, just south of Burton. Parking is also available on Madison Ave.
- We will be meeting near the new pavilion, just to the northwest of the parking lot. Look for our banner.



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# How can I help?

In order to make things run smoothly on Sunday mornings, we will need a few volunteers each week. We will need a team to **set up and tear down** our space. We will need people to **greet** others and direct people where they need to go. And we will need adults and students to **hang out with our 2 BranchKids groups**. If you would like to help in any of those areas, fill out this survey to let us know your availability: <https://forms.gle/abaeGNaUI99jw9jk8>