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Grace and Peace!

Well, this is it. We will reopen the sanctuary for worship this Sunday, July 26! That is exciting news. As I said last week, there will be some changes that are unfortunate, but necessary.

We will sit in every other row, and within rows, we will distance ourselves (six feet) from other people and families. You are all encouraged to wear masks. We will not sing hymns or responses, but we will play them, and you can feel free to read the words and hum along. At the end of the service, you will be ushered out. There will be no gatherings, either before or after worship, in the fellowship hall. We will not take up the offering during the service, but will have the offering plate at the sanctuary door. If you feel sick, please wait until you are better before you come to church. We still need to be careful so as to protect ourselves and each other.

I know that none of us loves the thought of worshipping in this way that is a little odd. But for the first time in a long time, we have the opportunity to gather and worship God together—to pray with each other and for each other. And though I think we all wish we could do it differently, this is most definitely a step in the right direction.

After the worship service on Sunday, we will continue with week three of Staycation Bible School, so if you would like to stick around in the sanctuary for that, all kids (and adults) are welcome.

I am really looking forward to Sunday morning, and if you feel healthy and safe doing so, I hope you will join us in person. If not, please check in to the church's website (millerpresby.com) and take part in worship and VBS.

Blessings,

Brian Jones