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Grace and Peace!

I am starting to get overwhelmed by my missing all of you. It is frustrating to me that most of us are nearby, and healthy enough, and yet we can't get together. I keep reading and hearing that "We are all in this together," but some days it is hard to feel together. I hope we can keep our wits about us, because some days I have trouble believing we are together.

We are together, though. We are. We are together because we are called together by none other than our God. And together we are followers of Jesus—we are the church. It's just that, right now, we don't look anything like the church has ever looked.

One thing that gets me through all this is the knowledge that many of us still worship together, if we can call it "together." Please hang in there in these very odd times. I am sure that, in the years to come, we will not forget these days. Feedback is helpful for me, so if you have pictures of worship at your place, or if you have comments about what we are doing, or how you are feeling, or what you are worried about or what you want us to be praying about, I hope you will let me know.

We do have a Facebook page now, so if you would like, you may check that out. It is under the name First Presbyterian Church, Miller, South Dakota. There are other pages with similar names, so if you don't see a picture of our sanctuary at the top, you are on someone else's page!

I do seek your ideas about how we can be the church in these days. If nothing else, this whole episode will have taught us to think of our identity as Jesus' disciples in all new ways.

So let's put our minds and hearts to work trying to figure out how we minister to the world and to each other in a time of such limited contact with the world and with each other.

Blessings,

Brian Jones