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Grace and Peace!

Last Sunday, we held worship in the sanctuary and we partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Almost everything about the morning was unusual, but I have to say that I am encouraged. The worst thing about the day was that we are still not all together, as I wish we were. For now, it is safer for some to stay home.

I was encouraged by having worship together and I was encouraged about being able to participate in Communion. But the most encouraging thing was that so many people were willing to come together under less than ideal circumstances. The music is different, the readings are different, the way we took the bread and the cup were very different. In addition, we don't have a time for fellowship, and it is hard to greet each other or even smile at each other. And yet . . .

Despite all that, people were willing to come together. I heard no grumbling. I was aware of our need to be together, and I was aware that the need was met, however unsatisfactorily. I am so grateful that people are willing to worship together, even when our worship is not the way we like it to be. In the end, we are worshipping God, and I can't imagine that our masks or our social distancing in any way interfere with God's pleasure at our worship.

So I am grateful to God and to this church for continuing to be faithful and loving in a difficult time. See you Sunday, either in person or online.

Blessings,

Brian Jones