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Grace and Peace:

Easter approaches and still we are not together in the same room. It occurred to me the other day that if you were raised in the church, this may well be the first Easter Sunday of your entire life when you have not found yourself in a church building.

As I write, it is Good Friday morning. If you go to the church website (millerpresby.com) you will find a link to a short service put together by the ministerial association, using the seven last words of Christ on the cross. Each of the ministers has a small part in the service. Thanks to Pastor Teresa Whetsel for the recording and editing! Normally we would have been together this evening for a community Good Friday service. When this period of isolation is over, we are going to have to find a way to try to make up for all the lost time!

Nonetheless we are the church, even when we are not together. I hope you will join us for worship at 10:00 AM on Sunday at millerpresby.com. It is not the same as being together, but many of us have found it to be an important substitute. If you know of people who don't have a church or a way to worship, I hope you will direct them to our website.

If Easter reminds us of anything, it is that whatever obstacle we are facing, whatever difficulty, whatever hardship, we are the people who believe in a better day. We are the people who expect—who wait for—a better day. And that day is coming.

I look forward to it. I know you do, too. Hang in there.

The website will have some pictures this week of what it looks like when we worship “together” on Sundays during quarantine. I hope you will send more pictures. They give us another way of being together.

If you have any prayer concerns, or if there is anything your church can be doing for you in the meantime, I hope you will call or somehow let us know.

You are missed!

Blessings,

Brian Jones