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Grace and Peace!

Believe it or not, we will resume worship, together, in the sanctuary next Sunday, July 26. This time apart has been difficult, but it has also been interesting. I think that we have all learned some important things in the past few months. We have learned what is important to us. We have learned what we can do without. We have learned that we take some really great things for granted.

So maybe after this time passes, when there is at last a vaccine or a treatment for COVID-19, we will be changed for the better. That is our hope, as we seek to become more and more Christ-like in our lives. It surely seems like we have to learn some things the hard way, doesn't it?

As you can imagine, worship will not look just like it did when we last met in March. We will sit in every other row. Within rows, we will try to distance ourselves 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. We still need to be careful so as to protect ourselves and each other.

Please know that everyone is invited to return to the church, but if you are feeling sick, please don't come and endanger others. Likewise, if you are feeling vulnerable, because you are in a high-risk group, or if you just are not quite ready to return, do not feel like you have to be there. Our on-line service will be live at 10:00 every Sunday morning at millerpresby.com. And there will come a time for us all to be together again. I am sure of it.

Meanwhile, please take care of yourselves and each other, the best you can.

Blessings,

Brian Jones