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Greetings all,

The in person worship committee (Brenda Sutton, Melody Eaton, Lee Kipps, Jimmy Shiflett, and Brenda Rice) and I met last evening in the Sanctuary to discuss return to worship inside. There was consensus that we feel that since most have been vaccinated and the number of new Covid cases reported in this area remains low, that it is reasonably safe to worship inside.

We have been blessed with some open air services and for that I am grateful. Folks have been kind and considerate and that has made it a nice environment for all attending.

I do ask as your Pastor, as I am Pastor to both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated, to please continue to be cognizant that we still have people who are at risk and that includes our children. As much as we would like to put this past year behind us, Covid is still alive and well. So please continue to be thoughtful of one another and love your neighbor as yourself.

We have decided not to make rules we cannot enforce and I cannot be helpful in that regard as I lead worship. With that said, inside we will not be able to socially distance. The air circulation is obviously not the same as outside. Please take this into consideration in your decision to mask or not. Those who are not vaccinated are especially vulnerable.

As far as the order of service goes:

We will continue communion as we have. For those who want communion, please bring your own bread and wine. I will not be distributing communion at the communion rail.

You may sing, keeping in mind that Covid is known to be airborne. There will be no choir at this point.

We will exchange the Peace (in place). In other words please refrain from shaking hands and moving about to intermingle.

I feel it is reasonably safe to bring you inside, though I do carry a heavy heart for those of us who will not be with us because they do not feel safe. There is a story about Jesus and the lost sheep, so if you are one of those who are not feeling safe to be with us, please know that I care and understand and will miss you.

If you have any questions, I will be available starting July 8th for email or conversation. If you have questions in the meantime, Lee Kipps and Brenda Sutton will be available to help.

Blessings,

Pastor Debbie



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