

### **Worshipping Apart Together: *for love of God and neighbor***

In this historic time of a global pandemic, we have no choice but to change and adapt our communal worship practice. We are learning as we go. When the call/order to practice physical distancing came, we decided to model this in Grace's on-line worship. As the pandemic stretches into months, and as we learn more about the virus, it is clear staff should not gather together in the sanctuary to lead on-line worship. In addition, Grace is not set up for quality and dependable on-line recording. Theologically, we believe the church is the people of God wherever we are, and the home is the "primary church," where faith is sown, practiced, and tended.

Liturgy is, by definition, participatory — the work of the people. Weekly bulletins are created to help you worship from home. We include art, photographs, poetry and special music. Links are provided to add voices and faces, a variety of music and sharing. The ability to archive the live-stream means people can worship on their own schedule, or re-listen to parts of the service. Because your pastors are married (to each other!), they can live-stream together. To this end, we have added a story time at 9:30 am for all ages, as well as continued with the service of the word and prayer at 10:45 am.

We will continue to add more voices and faces to worship. We appreciate hearing your feedback on your experience of worshipping in this way.