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Welcome to Grace: In-person Worship Resumes August 9

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1*

I am so grateful for the leadership of our church’s Relaunch Guide Team. Over the past several months, they have offered themselves, their skills, talents and gifts to help me and our Church Council understand the realities and risks of COVID-19, and to guide our church through a complex and unprecedented set of circumstances. The Guide Team members have assessed our current realities, designed and recommend a sustainable and adaptable plan for the use of our church facilities that will allow us to safely return to in-person worship. Providing those who wish to return to worship with an environment that is as safe as we can make it was and is their goal.

Because of the dedication and efforts of the Relaunch Team, and the hard work of our church staff, leaders and many volunteers, we are prepared to resume in-person worship services.

Beginning Sunday, August 9th, we will relaunch in-person worship.

We will have two worship services.

**9am Contemporary Worship in TFEC
11am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

We look forward to welcoming you and to worshipping God together. We know how much you have longed to see your friends and fellow worshipers in person again, and it will be good to turn our hearts toward God in praise and prayer.

A number of things will be different to those returning to worship, so before you show up, please read through the enclosed document which contains important information from our Relaunch Guide Team that will help you to prepare for our new reality.

Bible Reading Plan

Summer in the Scriptures with Bishop Ken Carter

August 1	Luke 18
2	Luke 19
3	Luke 20
4	Luke 21
5	Luke 22
6	Luke 23
7	Luke 24
8	John 1
9	John 2
10	John 3
11	John 4
12	John 5
13	John 6
14	John 7
15	John 8
16	John 9
17	John 10
18	John 11
19	John 12
20	John 13
21	John 14
22	John 15
23	John 16
24	John 17
25	John 18
26	John 19
27	John 20
28	John 21
29	John 22
30	John 23
31	John 24

Online Worship & Ministry Continues

*And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:20*

I know that worshipping at home is not the same as worshipping at church, but if we're honest, we know there is very little in our lives that is the same today as it was 6 months ago. Things change. Seasons and circumstances change. And, through it all, God continues to be faithful to us and continues to be present with us. Amen!

I have heard from many of you, that you long to return to worship, that you miss gathering in the sanctuary or in TFEC to worship God, that you miss your friends and the fellowship that you share with others on Sunday morning. I've also heard you say things like, "it is just not wise for me to return," or "I'm just not ready, yet." Let me say, I hear you and I honor and respect your decision. You have been and will continue to be a valued and important part of our Grace UMC family.

Let me reassure you that while we are resuming in-person worship, we are also committed to continuing our online worship experience.

Our prerecorded online worship service will continue to be available each week on our website, facebook, youtube, and through the Sunday Morning Worship email.

We are also working to expand other ministries that will keep us growing together while we are apart.

- To help us CONNECT, Pastor Robin is hosting a Virtual Coffee Hour on Wednesdays from 2-3pm using ZOOM.
- To help us GROW, we will continue to provide a daily reading plan as we encourage you to set aside time each day for personal devotion and study.
- You can SERVE those in our community who are in need by participating in or making a donation to support our Drive-thru Food Drive on August 9th. (details to follow)
- We are a congregation that seeks to SHARE our blessings and CARE for those in need, so send us your prayer requests, call a friend or send a card to brighten someone's day.

Friends, I am blessed to be on this journey of faith with you, and I miss seeing you. Stay healthy, and in the words of John Wesley, let's continue "to watch over one another in love," whether together or from a safe social distance. ~Pastor Robin