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Dear Friends in Christ,

This mailing contains a portion of the 12-page letter from our Bishops of the dioceses in the state of Michigan. This directive lays out the guidelines we will need to follow in order to open our parish again for in person worship. Your vestry and I will work diligently in the coming weeks to prepare our church for a hopeful return to public worship on **Sunday, July 26th**. This date is absolutely contingent upon the control of the virus in our area and may change due to an increase in infection. Some highlights to know as we prepare to come back:

- You will be required to wear a mask at all times.
- Your name will be recorded so we have a record of your attendance.
- You will be seated by an usher in a spot 6 feet away from anyone not of your household.
- You may receive communion in wafer only with no wine.
- There will be no passing of the peace through touch.
- There will be no receiving line at the end of the service.
- There will be no coffee hour or gathering at the end of service inside our building.
- There can be no congregational singing though we will have organ/piano and other music.

We are installing the technology in our sanctuary to live broadcast and record our weekly worship at 10:30 am each Sunday. This will continue in perpetuity so folks who must stay home can worship with us there. Our hope is that once the virus subsides, we will be able to be in closer contact with one another. For now we are being very cautious with anyone entering our building.

If you are sick or immunocompromised, please stay home. I am happy to call you and arrange a distance visit as needed. We will continue our online and by mail communications with the entire congregation and ask for your continued prayers for our staff and vestry as we learn a new way to be church together.

Meanwhile I leave you with our greatest strength in these times.

7 The Lord will keep you from all harm- he will watch over your life; 8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:7-8

Faithfully your pastor,

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