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Dear friends,

At our regular monthly parish council meeting we agreed that the time was right to return to every Sunday in-person worship. We consulted with medical professionals to make sure we were doing this in the best way for this parish, and that we were consistent with the Bishop's requirements, as well as those of Doctor Bonnie Henry.

Our service on Sunday was a hybrid service, meaning that people were present both on zoom and in person. Eleven attended by zoom, and overall, the response was positive. We will be purchasing a new microphone and camera to enhance the sound quality. Using Zoom at the same time means that those unable to be present in-person, this enhances our outreach to the community.

The conditions we have agreed to are these:

- Those who are not yet vaccinated are expected to attend by zoom.
- Anyone who is sick, even slightly, is expected to attend by zoom
- We will continue to wear masks and socially distance ourselves.
- We are not able to sing indoors at this time because this increases the risk. But thanks to Georgia Smith and Kate Fitzsimmons we will continue to have music.
- We will continue to meet in the hall, which will best accommodate our numbers.
- Children are at higher risk until they can be vaccinated, so families are encouraged to be thoughtful about their choices.
- People can socialize after the service but there will be no food or beverages served.

However, Council is aware that these services in the hall take quite a bit of organizing and preparation. We will be seeking additional help for things such as managing the sound system, arranging chairs, setting up the Altar and the space around it, managing the zoom connection, welcoming and greeting people. We hope that you will consider whether you can offer help in any of these ways (perhaps on a roster) and let Cathie Hall or Tony Smith know. Set up can take place Saturday evening or early Sunday morning.

We regret that the re-instatement of the Wednesday services will wait until we have settled into this new pattern.

I am thankful to God for the faithful people in this parish. We have weathered the challenges of COVID and we are coming into a new place. We do not yet know what is ahead but we do know that are stronger now and able to face into it. May God bless each and every one of us in the weeks ahead.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Dr. Catherine Hall