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My dear friends in Christ,

Many questions have lingered in recent months about the best next steps to take at this point in our shared life at St. Paul's. Your vestry, warden and clergy have been hard at work grappling with the realities that life within COVID -19 has presented. Input received in this grappling process has led to my decision that at this time, we will proceed with one Sunday service with worship time of 10:00 a.m. This worship time will be in place for the foreseeable future as we continue to grow back into being together after two years of physical separation. Wednesday midweek eucharists at 9:30a.m. will resume in September. There is no plan to resume Saturday at 5.

I know fully this will be news which garners a mixed reaction. Some would like to immediately return to the 9:00 and 10:30 service times. Some already appreciate the blending of times in the 10:00 a.m. offering. A constant in leadership is that there is never a perfect answer. Despite its imperfection, I trust that this option is one that will meet the needs of this parish family. I ask for your understanding and your patience in the midst of this change. We are committed to continue offering an online streaming option for worship. However, I would like to ask that if you are in the habit of staying at home on Sundays and are able to be present, that you consider returning in-person. We miss you and have saved a seat for you. Your presence matters.

Other exciting things are underway as well, as we continue to build and rebuild community at St. Paul's. Plans are afoot to provide a more complete form of pastoral care, involving teams of people both lay and clergy. A worship committee is being formed, to help in the planning of worship that strives to be as inclusive and accessible as we can be. Times of fellowship, in which we get together just for the sake of spending time enjoying each other, have of course been lacking in the last two years. We have heard the call from many of you to start coffee hour again after the service, and to start planning social times so we can see each other again. Stay tuned on all these fronts.

I'm excited for the ways in which we will all connect and reconnect with each other at St. Paul's.

We are at our best when we are together.

In peace,

The Very Reverend Michael H. Sinclair, Dean
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