



Friday, May 1, 2020

Dear FPCP Family and Friends,

As we move into this first weekend in May and the sun comes out once again, I am reminded of God's great grace even in the midst of troubling times.

We experience God's grace every day with our health, our shelter, our daily provision of food, and our family. The fact that the ministry of Christ's church around the world carries on, when the physical doors are shut, is another sign of God's grace.

We will celebrate another sign of God's grace this Sunday in our on-line service, when we will celebrate the sacrament of communion. The rooms of our house will become our sanctuaries, and God's grace will be seen in the bread and cup that we provide.

As we prepare to receive these signs of grace, it is also fitting that we extend a sign of God's grace to others.

To that end, on Friday, May 15th between 10 am- 2 pm our church will welcome donations (in the parking lot) of food and toiletries for the Plymouth Salvation Army. They have shared that they have critical needs right now as their annual mail workers' food drive had to be canceled. Volunteers with full protective gear will be on hand to help remove items out of your car and then transport them to the Salvation Army.

It is a blessing that we can live out our faith in action this way. God has given us His grace and, by extension, we share that with others.

Theologian Karl Barth once wrote, "Grace must find expression in life, otherwise it is not grace."

In this time of quiet isolation, I pray that you can identify the areas of grace in your own life. Take time to thank God for these signs of His love.

Thanking God for you and your witness of grace,

Emily