

Trying to Receive Each Day As It Comes
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Here in Fort Scott we are missing one another's faces, singing together, laughter and even small talk over refreshments. We have established some simple rhythms. We post a video of our liturgy and prayers, and a separate video of a short sermon, to our youtube channel. We mail a print copy of the liturgy and the sermon to all who choose to receive it that way. We adjusted our April Food Drive away from bringing food items to pile at the front of the sanctuary (we often pit one section of pews against another in friendly competition!). Instead, we will collect financial gifts.

For Palm Sunday we will have palm branches for those who want to do a "driving palm parade" through our neighborhood. Then (one family at a time), we'll place the palms in the cross on our front lawn (as is our custom). On Maundy Thursday we'll do "drive through communion" in front of the church and drape our cross in black cloth. On Easter morning, we'll again offer drive through communion and invite the congregation to bring fresh flowers to place in the cross (a beloved tradition here).

Our Sunday morning book discussion of Brene Brown's *The Gifts of Imperfection* has moved to an email format. We are calling and checking on one another as best we can. We are trying to receive each day as it comes, looking forward to a time when we can be physically together again.