



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2020 MORNING MESSAGE

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Greetings in Christ Jesus!

If you watched the Midweek Study this week, you know that I have a cold, was rapidly losing my voice, and opted to enlist outside help for Sunday morning. Our guest this morning is Cynthia Kohlmann, a pastor who has served churches in Ohio and Massachusetts. Her sermon was prepared for the 4th of July weekend. She will also lead a home Communion service. The last time I was incapacitated, we reached out to Paul Eckel, who preached and served Communion on the first Sunday in November. I think maybe that is the longest stretch of Sunday's season I've had a sermon delivered in many years.

Part of that is my personal theory and practice of Transitional Ministry. I believe continuity and consistency are important.

Part of that is due to the Coronavirus. I've never before delivered sermons on YouTube. I've never before watched myself preach on a video screen on Sunday morning at worship time.

I had another "never before " experience this morning. An in-car consultation with my primary care provider. I was checked, tested, examined, prescribed, all from the passenger seat of Polly's car. With the engine running and the air conditioning blowing cold.

I'm just down with a bad cold. Hopefully we will be back to our schedule after Labor Day.

Lee Martin is home after back surgery. Linda Progar is out of ICU. My brother Richard is out of surgery. Prayers are being answered.

God is still Supreme. Jesus is still Lord. And the Holy Spirit is stirring like a gentle wind.

Your Transitional Pastor,

Ted Land