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Messiah Family,

A friend and colleague, Pastor Tim Koester of St. Michael Lutheran Church here in Omaha, shared a wonderful analogy to consider as we think about returning to worship in our buildings. Pastor Tim also comes from a farming background. He told how in the spring a farmer is anxious to get in the field and beginning planting. However, if you rush in, the soil will be too wet and you will cause compaction that prevents seeds from being able to sprout and grow. Patience is important even when the task we want to do is just as important.

That is a valuable lesson these days as we consider when to return to worship in our building. And patience isn't a virtue we uphold often in our immediate gratification world. I encourage you to have patience as we wait. In the big picture, even three months or maybe more is a very brief time to wait when waiting is what we are called to do.

In the meantime, I am so happy to see so many of you joining us for Worship Online and Facebook Evening Prayer. This week we are also adding the UnDonut Fellowship time, "Donut be Afraid." This will be a zoom gathering for just some conversation and hopefully, to see Messiah family members you haven't seen for a while. We are also having Sunday School and Confirmation to finish out the academic year. Of course while not as good as physically meeting together these opportunities keep us connected and grounded in who we are: God's children at Messiah.

God continues to be revealed in amazing ways through this time! Keep your eye on the prize of seeing, experiencing, and sharing God's goodness all around us!

Note that we have included the May 1st update from Bishop Maas below.

Blessings and Joy!

Pastor Greg