



Dear Members and Friends of First Church,

For millennia, the faithful have relied on the Ecclesiastical verse that there is a season for everything. Little did we know, 3 years ago, this would include a season – or more - of a world-wide pandemic, which turned our relationships, our routines, and every facet of our lives upside down. While this week marks the end of our government’s emergency status regarding Covid, it is not the end of how Covid has affected us. And in many ways, this is still the beginning of how we move forward in the aftermath of this life-changing event.

After three years of mandatory changes, fear, some sadness and (too much) Zoom time, it is now the season to process our grief, rejoice in the silver linings we found and to try to use our common experiences to grow into more resilience and faith.

On Saturday, June 10th First Church will host a COVID 19 Retreat, led by the Rev. Bill Neill. This will be a time of dialogue, discernment and prayer, allowing us to share our experiences and the many milestones we have lived through together as a church community. Please bring your stories, your tears, laughter and yes, your masks if you would like!

PLEASE JOIN US at First Church from 9:30am to noon on Saturday, June 10th - ALL ARE WELCOME and INVITED!! Lunch will be served after the retreat time.

More details will be coming in the weeks ahead.

For more information, please contact [Bill Neil](#), [Linda Elrick](#) or [Susan Ellwood](#)