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Dear Members and Friends of Second Congregational Church:

We are pleased to announce **two** important changes!

- **Earlier time** of Sunday worship service for the summer
- **Easing** of COVID protocols

First, **starting on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, the service will start at 9 AM.** This will be the starting time until Rally Day, September 12<sup>th</sup>, when the service will start at 10. Live streaming (because it's live!) will also start at 9:00, and of course you can watch the recording at any time.

Second, the Church Council and the Deacons rejoice that we can now relax our COVID precautions. These changes are not arbitrary, but are based upon specific criteria and published statistical data.

**Starting on Sunday, July 4,** you will notice the following changes –

- -The pews will be open, and there will be no more tape on the floor.
- -Hymnals and Bibles will be back in place in the pews.
- -Custom cushions may be used and stored at church, if you wish.

**Starting on Sunday, July 11,** we will be singing aloud! The CDC has deemed this safe for vaccinated individuals. The vaccination rate in Massachusetts has exceeded 70%, and the daily case count has fallen below one in 100,000. Some safety rules will apply:

- -Those fully vaccinated may sing in the sanctuary unmasked.
- **Those not vaccinated may remain in the sanctuary, but must wear a mask and refrain from singing.**
- -Those not vaccinated, immune-compromised or uncomfortable in the presence of singing may sit in the Ladies Parlor or the Conference Room, where there will not be singing, and **where masks will be worn.** The service can be heard clearly via speakers.

**What will not change for the time being:** The tables in the Narthex will continue to be the place to leave your offering and prayer requests. It is also where you will continue to pick up your individual communion kit and bulletin.

We realize that we have all had to endure difficult changes in our lives since last year, and that it has not been easy to carry on the life of our church. We are coming back to normal as it becomes safer to do so, but there are still risks facing us and difficult choices to make. We will do our best to accommodate every person's needs, with caring and respect for our entire flock!

From your Church Council and Board of Deacons