

No Gathering on Sunday

As a Christian and a United Methodist I am distressed by our inability to gather together and worship. We can still offer prayer and praise to God. We must also be good citizens and work to avoid spreading this Covid-19 to our community.

Patsy wanted me to share a Hallmark card entitled "The Oak Tree" she recently received. The front features a large tree with the sun shining through it.

A mighty wind blew night and day
It stole the oak tree's leaves away,
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark
Until the oak was tired and stark.

But still the oak tree held its ground
While other trees fell all around.
The weary wind gave up and spoke,
"How can you still be standing, Oak?"

The oak tree said, "I know that you
Can break each branch of mine in two,
Carry every leaf away,
Shake my limbs, and make me sway,

But I have roots stretched in the earth,
Growing stronger since my birth.
You'll never touch them, for you see,
They are the deepest part of me.

Until today, I wasn't sure
Of just how much I could endure.
But now I've found, with thanks to you,
I'm stronger than I ever knew."

Especially now, Try to remember
That you're stronger
Than any problem you encounter,
or any disappointment life will bring.

We serve a gracious and all powerful God. Let us pray to God and praise him for all the glory we have experienced, and what is yet to come.
May God bless all today, tomorrow and forever more.

Pastor Tom