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Dear People of Grace:

First let me say ‘Thank You.’ Thank you for your ongoing support. Thank you for your faith. Thank you for your patience and your continued generosity through these difficult and unprecedented times. Beginning in last March, our lives changed in unexpected and extraordinary ways. Social distancing requirements, stay-at-home orders and guidelines from our Diocesan leadership have altered everything about our lives including how and where we are able to eat, play, work, gather, serve and worship. Though our physical buildings have remained empty, and though various media outlets and news sources have suggested that churches are closed, we as Grace church have never closed. We have continued to live into the calling of the Gospel to love our neighbors, and many of you, alongside the church staff and clergy, have stepped forward to assure that the vital work of ministry continues on. And so again I say ‘Thank you.’

The theme of this year’s Pledge Campaign is *Imagine the Possibilities*. It reminds us that the future of Grace Church is limitless and is filled with endless wonder and possibility. To help make that future happen, and to help Grace carry out the work and ministry of the church, your financial support in the form of a pledge to the Operating Budget of Grace Church is an essential. Whether we gather for worship inside our building, in our cemetery, or online, we continue to be the body of Christ through our ministries, or witness, and our love and care for one another. While we cannot know what lies ahead of us, we can imagine together the possibilities that God might have in-store all while remaining confident in the assurance of God’s abiding and steadfast love. It is because of your faithful and generous gifts, that Grace is able to keep on imagining ways to continue the life-giving and joy-filled ministries that happen both inside and outside the walls of the church.

Your past financial support has been crucial to our mission, and now as we begin the 2021 Pledge Campaign, I hope that we can count on you again. Included with this mailing is a pledge card. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you are able to support the mission of Grace this year knowing that if everyone were able to increase their pledge, we will be able to meet our budgeting goals.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss making a financial pledge to Grace Church, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me, the clergy, or the church staff. Thank you in advance for your imagination and as always, for your generosity.

Faithfully,

Karen E. Jackson
Stewardship Commissioner