

Q17 How has adjusting to this pandemic changed your understanding of how the church can be?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It has shown me how much I miss my fellow parishioners, choir and choir practice.	7/26/2020 11:11 AM
2	A building is not required to worship God. But the gathering of my church community strengthens my faith because we all learn from each other and get strength from each other.	7/23/2020 11:49 AM
3	Not sure I understand this question but the church is the people and staying connected online has played a huge role in dealing with this pandemic. Starting my day with an online service is what made for a good day.	7/23/2020 11:10 AM
4	Our clergy, staff members, and various ministries have done an outstanding job of providing daily/weekly worship services and meditations. I have received calls and notes making sure that I am being prayed for and to find out if I needed anything. I feel connected and loved.	7/23/2020 2:45 AM
5	In the beginning, I was pleased with having morning and evening prayer each day online, and felt that my spiritual needs were somewhat being met. However, as time passed, and when social and political events occurred, I saw that the clergy began to inject their political agendas and social bias, rather than preaching the love of Christ, and love your neighbor.	7/20/2020 5:51 PM
6	The virtual daily prayer and evening compline have been one blessing that has come out of this Pandemic. I didn't have enough discipline to do it myself.	7/20/2020 10:54 AM
7	The church, like individuals, struggles with the pandemic. It makes everything we do more difficult, more complicated and stressful.	7/19/2020 1:28 PM
8	Flexible and able to go with dev guidelines	7/19/2020 11:40 AM
9	I am impressed with how quickly our parish adapted to on-line services and appreciate how many different people/families have participated in the presentation of the weekly Sunday service (i.e. filming of The Lord's Prayer from various families that are included each week in the service.)	7/19/2020 11:19 AM
10	Appreciate the efforts towards maintaining church community	7/19/2020 10:44 AM
11	Thanks to Facebook the Church has been able to connect with members where ever they are in State or out of State ; and that is encouraging.	7/18/2020 5:07 PM
12	These changes have made me more aware of life in general and the respect of others.	7/18/2020 3:00 PM
13	As with so many other aspects of our lives, most of us realize that with a quiet corner, an internet connection and some device, we can still worship together. In addition, this time has helped drive home that WE are the church, not our building. As individuals helping other individuals in our families and neighborhoods, we are spreading God's love.	7/18/2020 2:28 PM
14	Church does not have to mean a specific building. For me church has come to be more meaningful through morning and evening prayer online. I feel more a part of the church than I did before Covid. People showing up daily for prayer and reflection has made me feel more connected to people and like I belong. I like it better than live, in-person church where I do not have good interpersonal skills and therefore, am not good at connecting with people. When people start interacting with each on line it does not matter if I am good at connecting. I can just show up and be part of the group.	7/18/2020 2:00 PM
15	This leadership makes things too complicated. Stay on line for another six months or longer if necessary.	7/18/2020 7:28 AM
16	We are the church ... therefore online works well	7/17/2020 6:56 PM
17	How the church can be what? We (the people) are the church. It's not the gathering space.	7/17/2020 4:43 PM
18	The church can be very stand offish. The church relies on the parishioners to do all the work and communication.	7/17/2020 3:46 PM
19	It is not the building but miss the wonderful people.	7/17/2020 3:29 PM
20	Realize the importance of community as we worship.	7/17/2020 3:18 PM
21	Not united . Each Bishop makes own rules...like a dictator	7/17/2020 2:07 PM
22	I now see the church as a place to center myself before I start my week.	7/17/2020 10:07 AM

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23	Not the same , Fellowship is missing!	7/16/2020 7:09 PM
24	Most Episcopal Churches are adaptable and responsive to their congregations. That we could weather this storm is no surprise to me.	7/16/2020 4:56 PM
25	I'm impressed with how well Fr Tommy and Mrth Liz have stayed connected with the congregation by the internet. I have not always been able to connect live, but most every day have watched their video.	7/16/2020 3:59 PM
26	I am conflicted. While joining for a 30 minute online devotion has been important, I need more. Unfortunately, I don't know how that can be accomplished.	7/16/2020 10:34 AM
27	Online worship is another way for the church to function.	7/15/2020 9:33 PM
28	We don't need a building	7/15/2020 9:16 PM
29	It can be guidance and a service online. Reaching out to others by phone.	7/15/2020 8:18 PM
30	I feel very disappointed with our church. I don't see leaders following Christ's example. He healed the sick, comforted and led his disciples. Why aren't our clergy essential? I feel like the clergy isn't trusting our Lord and are concerned about lawsuits and rules and I am afraid our church won't survive. We led the way during the civil rights and women's rights movements.	7/15/2020 5:05 PM
31	It can be guidance and a service online. Reaching out to others by phone.	7/15/2020 4:27 PM
32	It made me appreciate going to church more. Church is my quiet time to block out everything, my safe haven.	7/15/2020 3:45 PM
33	I didn't realize how much being in church and congregational worship was important to me. It is what I miss the most right now.	7/15/2020 2:50 PM
34	I feel there was over reaction by the diocese	7/15/2020 12:18 PM
35	N/A	7/15/2020 11:18 AM
36	Church remains the center of my spiritual walk.. don't need the building to connect with God	7/15/2020 10:51 AM
37	It can be guidance and a service online. Reaching out to others by phone.	7/15/2020 10:51 AM
38	A reminder that the church is the people - not the building and we should be focused on building one another, staying connected and helping each other.	7/15/2020 9:59 AM
39	The Church is the People!	7/15/2020 8:49 AM
40	Don't know.	7/15/2020 8:42 AM
41	Don't understand the question	7/14/2020 11:26 PM
42	Our church, St. Matthews, has been very supportive to the parishioners. The church has communicated that it will take all necessary precautionary measures to insure the safety of all. Although we will be exchanging the peach from a distance, no hugging outside the immediate family, it will still be a joy to see the church family come together in prayer.	7/14/2020 10:40 PM
43	Awkward, but well meaning to survive.	7/14/2020 10:38 PM
44	I appreciate the church NOT being in a rush to reconvene when it is not proven safe for a congregation to come together in person.	7/14/2020 10:02 PM
45	I learned how supportive the church can be and how flexible. Online worship and daily prayer has brought me closer.	7/14/2020 9:49 PM
46	It's the people, not a building.	7/14/2020 8:57 PM
47	More opportunities to Meet with others via Zoom.	7/14/2020 8:26 PM
48	We have to reach out ourselves. Very few have reached out to me. People still very political.	7/14/2020 7:56 PM
49	As someone who was very involved in multiple areas on any given Sunday (teaching Sunday school, choir, etc.) it has been refreshing to remember that my participation—though it matters—is not required for God to work in my life, or through the church.	7/14/2020 7:46 PM
50	The church is God's children...not the building itself. However, having that building really helps!	7/14/2020 6:27 PM

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51	I have a greater appreciation for our rectors and staff and other support people who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to meet the needs of our parish - morning, evening services, engaging members to be a part of the service on line, etc. Made my engagement more meaningful!	7/14/2020 6:02 PM
52	It hasn't really changed my understanding. I actually have been watching online church worship with another church.	7/14/2020 5:45 PM
53	I love how our church has taken on the Technical prayer services! This practice should be continued after return is allowed for people who are unable to attend in person.	7/14/2020 5:24 PM
54	That church can be held anywhere and online makes it flexible for me to watch.	7/14/2020 5:20 PM
55	The church is the body of believers, not the building	7/14/2020 5:18 PM
56	It is focused on the spiritual and not the campus.	7/14/2020 5:01 PM
57	N/a	7/14/2020 4:40 PM
58	The online community is still a community	7/14/2020 4:38 PM
59	I understand that church gatherings have been a source for some spreading of the virus. Our area has not had a large number of positive cases. I think with masks and social distancing we could attend safely.	7/14/2020 4:26 PM
60	Unhappy with the Bishop's directives.	7/14/2020 4:19 PM
61	I don't know.	7/14/2020 4:09 PM
62	The church is not the building (though I miss it!), but the people. There have been many opportunities to connect almost daily. Our clergy and staff have worked hard to provide those means of connection. We are getting better and better at technology!	7/14/2020 4:07 PM
63	Although I have not regularly attended St. Matt's online, I appreciate how often services are held and how much it has meant to so many I know. I do attend Bible study thru other churches, and I love that.	7/14/2020 4:07 PM
64	Disappointed that Bishop dictates what can be done. 1. Permission to give last rights. 2. Number of attendees are limited...not by size of church but by Bishop. 3. Outdoor services should be unlimited. 4. Extensions of meeting spaces should be allowed. Parish hall or downstairs areas in addition to sanctuary. 5. We go to grocers, hair salon, nail places, but are forbidden to have Eucharist and gather for services! Where is the love of Christ in our Bishops dictates.	7/14/2020 4:04 PM
65	It has provided a disconnect.	7/14/2020 3:58 PM
66	This church gives me a sense of peace. A reason to get out of bed. This separation has caused severe depression. I am doing my best to work through this but I need physical people to engage with. I'm alone. I have not even been touched by another person for 6 months. I miss hugs. I miss my friends in the ministries. I miss the peaceful feeling from the services each Sunday and Wednesday. I feel like I am slowly sinking away from my God.	7/14/2020 3:57 PM
67	The church is not a building. Worship can be done anywhere, anytime.	7/14/2020 3:54 PM
68	I like being with my brothers and sisters, and I miss that aspect the most - just being together physically.	7/14/2020 3:15 PM
69	I'm thankful that we at least have online. I would prefer for our church to be open to those who feel comfortable worshipping in our sanctuary	7/14/2020 3:10 PM
70	It seems that the church has been very flexible in meeting the needs of the congregation	7/14/2020 3:10 PM
71	I don't understand how we put so much faith in the virus and not in God. It saddens my heart that we are not faithful in God to see us through this virus. Yet we do everything in our power to give the virus all the control.	7/14/2020 3:05 PM
72	I am ready to return to worship. I am not fearful. The numbers are jacked up to install fear for the wrong reasons. We can wear masks, We can wear masks and social distance. Let's roll. We are protected by God.	7/14/2020 3:01 PM
73	.	7/14/2020 2:51 PM

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74	We are the church!	7/14/2020 2:49 PM
75	I like on line services and opportunities and hope they continue	7/14/2020 2:49 PM
76	I knew this before, but the pandemic has clarified my understanding. Church can be wherever you are. What I miss is the communion. I miss it less now that we are offered spiritual communion. I also want to say that my congregation had already begun to change how we "do" communion, so our congregation was getting used to that when we were ordered to stop and shelter in place.	7/14/2020 2:44 PM
77	Church remains the center of my spiritual walk.. don't need the building to connect with God	7/14/2020 2:36 PM
78	My feelings toward church would be more amenable had clergy been more accessible and taken the initiative to contact parishioners more often.	7/14/2020 2:35 PM
79	It's the people not just the building. I miss the people. We should find more ways to be interactive online for devotion.	7/14/2020 2:33 PM
80	Although I miss the in person liturgy and music very much, I have found meditation, personal Bible study and quality online services more satisfying than I would have anticipated before COVID-19.	7/14/2020 2:32 PM
81	After attending my church for more than 25 years, I have never felt more untethered and disconnected. I miss my church community. Seeing my priest and 2-3 other people on a Facebook screen doesn't make up for it.	7/14/2020 2:27 PM
82	Church can not exist and thrive without people being able to come together in person. Remotely is not healthy.	7/14/2020 2:26 PM
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84	I always knew church was the people. It's harder to do ministry when people cant come together, but not impossible	7/14/2020 2:25 PM
85	I believe that zoom meetings for small groups can help more people join ministries. I think that morning prayer services on YouTube will meet my needs for midweek worship.	7/14/2020 2:16 PM
86	Do not understand the question	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
87	NA	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
88	church are the people not the buildings	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
89	More than a building...it's the people!	7/14/2020 2:13 PM
90	Na	7/14/2020 2:09 PM
91	Church is the people.	7/13/2020 1:53 PM
92	The church is more about the people than the place.	7/13/2020 11:55 AM
93	Broadened it	7/13/2020 10:17 AM
94	Flexibility	7/13/2020 8:52 AM
95	I truly miss in-person worship and the contact with other parishioners. When we return we are going to be less connected because we are not able to express ourselves (hugging and other close contact like sitting next to each other at coffee hour) like we once did.	7/12/2020 6:45 PM
96	We had to adjust for a while. It's now time to get back together. Remember we are covered by God. The numbers are high but the testing is more frequent. The deaths have not increased in fact decreased by % to infected. Let's go.	7/12/2020 5:24 PM
97	Politics creeps into decisions regarding safe reopening no matter where the congregation is located	7/12/2020 2:45 PM
98	I had every confidence, our church would adapt beautifully. There are many talented, selfless congregants at St. Matt's.	7/12/2020 12:01 PM
99	It's broadened the definition of church for me.	7/11/2020 7:26 AM

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100	So much opportunity outside of Sunday morning - even if you work and can't attend events on a weekday.	7/10/2020 4:48 PM
101	N/A. I've never experienced anything like it. I appreciate that everyone is doing their best understanding/advising on new directions/changes.	7/10/2020 12:08 PM
102	It has confused me beyond description at this point. So much uncertainty and so many unknowns. The future of how the church can be is uncertain for me.	7/9/2020 10:43 AM
103	That we do not need the building to worship together	7/8/2020 7:05 PM
104	We are the church, not the building.	7/7/2020 4:53 PM

Q18 Three words or phrases that come to mind when I think of the culture of congregation are:

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
#1	100.00%	106
#2	99.06%	105
#3	98.11%	104

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1	Love	7/26/2020 11:11 AM
2	Family	7/25/2020 10:23 PM
3	Church family	7/23/2020 11:49 AM
4	seeking God to share his love to all	7/23/2020 11:10 AM
5	Concerned	7/23/2020 7:15 AM
6	Caring clergy	7/23/2020 2:45 AM
7	Devisive	7/20/2020 5:51 PM
8	Family	7/20/2020 10:54 AM
9	Community	7/19/2020 1:28 PM
10	Caring	7/19/2020 11:40 AM
11	Community	7/19/2020 11:19 AM
12	Being together	7/19/2020 10:44 AM
13	Welcoming	7/18/2020 5:07 PM
14	Love	7/18/2020 3:00 PM
15	Welcoming	7/18/2020 2:28 PM
16	people coming together to pray and worship	7/18/2020 2:00 PM
17	Community	7/18/2020 7:53 AM
18	Not great leadership	7/18/2020 7:28 AM
19	Community	7/17/2020 6:56 PM
20	Church Family	7/17/2020 4:43 PM
21	it's the people	7/17/2020 3:46 PM
22	It's definitely the people	7/17/2020 3:18 PM
23	God	7/17/2020 2:07 PM
24	Unity	7/17/2020 10:07 AM
25	Caring	7/16/2020 7:09 PM
26	Community	7/16/2020 5:22 PM
27	Joy	7/16/2020 4:56 PM
28	faith	7/16/2020 3:59 PM
29	compassion	7/16/2020 10:34 AM
30	Friendly	7/15/2020 9:33 PM
31	great sermons	7/15/2020 9:16 PM
32	Warmth and love	7/15/2020 8:18 PM
33	Prayer	7/15/2020 5:05 PM
34	Warmth and love	7/15/2020 4:27 PM
35	family oriented	7/15/2020 3:45 PM
36	Community	7/15/2020 2:50 PM
37	Friendly	7/15/2020 12:18 PM

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38	Family	7/15/2020 11:18 AM
39	Spiritual	7/15/2020 10:51 AM
40	Warmth and love	7/15/2020 10:51 AM
41	multicultural/national	7/15/2020 9:59 AM
42	Overwhelming	7/15/2020 8:49 AM
43	Closeness	7/15/2020 8:42 AM
44	Communion	7/14/2020 11:26 PM
45	Unified, loving.	7/14/2020 10:40 PM
46	Worship	7/14/2020 10:38 PM
47	Open	7/14/2020 10:02 PM
48	Loving	7/14/2020 9:49 PM
49	Giving	7/14/2020 8:57 PM
50	Alive	7/14/2020 8:26 PM
51	people	7/14/2020 7:56 PM
52	It's the people	7/14/2020 7:46 PM
53	Family	7/14/2020 7:30 PM
54	Love	7/14/2020 6:27 PM
55	outpouring to our parish and community - in this pandemic world	7/14/2020 6:02 PM
56	It's the people	7/14/2020 5:45 PM
57	loving	7/14/2020 5:30 PM
58	Kindness	7/14/2020 5:24 PM
59	Diverse Culture	7/14/2020 5:20 PM
60	Community	7/14/2020 5:18 PM
61	Diversified in culture and thought	7/14/2020 5:01 PM
62	Elderly	7/14/2020 4:40 PM
63	Mixed	7/14/2020 4:38 PM
64	we are a racially mixed congregation	7/14/2020 4:26 PM
65	People	7/14/2020 4:19 PM
66	Welcoming	7/14/2020 4:09 PM
67	Loving and caring	7/14/2020 4:07 PM
68	Fellowship	7/14/2020 4:07 PM
69	Eucharist	7/14/2020 4:04 PM
70	Community	7/14/2020 3:58 PM
71	Peaceful	7/14/2020 3:57 PM
72	Sharing worship	7/14/2020 3:54 PM
73	togetherness	7/14/2020 3:15 PM
74	fellowship	7/14/2020 3:10 PM
75	Friends	7/14/2020 3:10 PM

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76	connection	7/14/2020 3:05 PM
77	Love	7/14/2020 3:01 PM
78	.	7/14/2020 2:51 PM
79	Loving	7/14/2020 2:49 PM
80	Worship	7/14/2020 2:49 PM
81	Spiritual	7/14/2020 2:36 PM
82	Outreach	7/14/2020 2:35 PM
83	Social	7/14/2020 2:33 PM
84	Scripture	7/14/2020 2:32 PM
85	Family	7/14/2020 2:27 PM
86	Support system.	7/14/2020 2:26 PM
87	Support system.	7/14/2020 2:26 PM
88	Supportive	7/14/2020 2:25 PM
89	compassionate	7/14/2020 2:16 PM
90	Belonging	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
91	Conflicted	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
92	service to others	7/14/2020 2:13 PM
93	Inclusive	7/14/2020 2:09 PM
94	supportive	7/13/2020 1:53 PM
95	Welcoming	7/13/2020 11:55 AM
96	Community	7/13/2020 8:52 AM
97	Compassionate	7/12/2020 6:45 PM
98	Love	7/12/2020 5:24 PM
99	Togetherness	7/12/2020 2:45 PM
100	together	7/12/2020 12:01 PM
101	family oriented	7/11/2020 7:26 AM
102	like family	7/10/2020 4:48 PM
103	n/a	7/10/2020 12:08 PM
104	community	7/9/2020 10:43 AM
105	Support	7/8/2020 7:05 PM
106	Community	7/7/2020 4:53 PM

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1	Patience	7/26/2020 11:11 AM
2	Togetherness	7/25/2020 10:23 PM
3	Faith in God resource	7/23/2020 11:49 AM
4	multi generational and cultural people coming together to love one another	7/23/2020 11:10 AM
5	Dedicated	7/23/2020 7:15 AM
6	Itxs the People	7/23/2020 2:45 AM
7	Hypocritical	7/20/2020 5:51 PM
8	Industrious	7/20/2020 10:54 AM
9	Friendship	7/19/2020 1:28 PM
10	Committed	7/19/2020 11:40 AM
11	Supportive	7/19/2020 11:19 AM
12	Communion	7/19/2020 10:44 AM
13	Prayerful	7/18/2020 5:07 PM
14	Respect	7/18/2020 3:00 PM
15	Holding one accountable	7/18/2020 2:28 PM
16	people coming together to help others outside of the church	7/18/2020 2:00 PM
17	Not always forthright	7/18/2020 7:28 AM
18	Prayer	7/17/2020 6:56 PM
19	Group worship	7/17/2020 4:43 PM
20	loving others	7/17/2020 3:46 PM
21	Ongoing support	7/17/2020 3:18 PM
22	It's the people	7/17/2020 2:07 PM
23	Acceptance	7/17/2020 10:07 AM
24	Fellowship	7/16/2020 7:09 PM
25	Love	7/16/2020 5:22 PM
26	Supportive	7/16/2020 4:56 PM
27	caring	7/16/2020 3:59 PM
28	"color blind"	7/16/2020 10:34 AM
29	Caring	7/15/2020 9:33 PM
30	caring clergy	7/15/2020 9:16 PM
31	Church family	7/15/2020 8:18 PM
32	worship	7/15/2020 5:05 PM
33	Church family	7/15/2020 4:27 PM
34	friendly	7/15/2020 3:45 PM
35	Support	7/15/2020 2:50 PM
36	Believers in Christ	7/15/2020 12:18 PM
37	Team	7/15/2020 11:18 AM

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38	Corporate Worship	7/15/2020 10:51 AM
39	Church family	7/15/2020 10:51 AM
40	Open Hearts and Minds	7/15/2020 9:59 AM
41	Intimidating	7/15/2020 8:49 AM
42	Peacefulness	7/15/2020 8:42 AM
43	Gathering	7/14/2020 11:26 PM
44	Members are spiritually grounded.	7/14/2020 10:40 PM
45	Inside satisfaction	7/14/2020 10:38 PM
46	Accepting	7/14/2020 10:02 PM
47	Accepting all	7/14/2020 9:49 PM
48	Compassionate	7/14/2020 8:57 PM
49	Warm	7/14/2020 8:26 PM
50	groups	7/14/2020 7:56 PM
51	Body of Christ	7/14/2020 7:46 PM
52	Love	7/14/2020 7:30 PM
53	Sharing	7/14/2020 6:27 PM
54	Patient	7/14/2020 6:02 PM
55	Prayer	7/14/2020 5:45 PM
56	understanding	7/14/2020 5:30 PM
57	Loving	7/14/2020 5:24 PM
58	Willing to help	7/14/2020 5:20 PM
59	Communion	7/14/2020 5:18 PM
60	Unified with the Christian message	7/14/2020 5:01 PM
61	Clickish	7/14/2020 4:40 PM
62	Liberal	7/14/2020 4:38 PM
63	we are an older congregation	7/14/2020 4:26 PM
64	God	7/14/2020 4:19 PM
65	Sincere	7/14/2020 4:09 PM
66	It's the people - we are here for each other	7/14/2020 4:07 PM
67	Joy	7/14/2020 4:07 PM
68	Community	7/14/2020 4:04 PM
69	Family	7/14/2020 3:58 PM
70	Loving	7/14/2020 3:57 PM
71	Human contact	7/14/2020 3:54 PM
72	support	7/14/2020 3:15 PM
73	spiritual education	7/14/2020 3:10 PM
74	Welcoming	7/14/2020 3:10 PM
75	peacefulness	7/14/2020 3:05 PM

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76	Togetherness	7/14/2020 3:01 PM
77	.	7/14/2020 2:51 PM
78	Supportive	7/14/2020 2:49 PM
79	Friends	7/14/2020 2:49 PM
80	Corporate Worship	7/14/2020 2:36 PM
81	Supportive	7/14/2020 2:35 PM
82	Family	7/14/2020 2:33 PM
83	Tradition or liturgy	7/14/2020 2:32 PM
84	Community	7/14/2020 2:27 PM
85	Fellowship.	7/14/2020 2:26 PM
86	Fellowship.	7/14/2020 2:26 PM
87	Loving	7/14/2020 2:25 PM
88	active	7/14/2020 2:16 PM
89	Strength of prayer in numbers	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
90	Racially/politically divided	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
91	community	7/14/2020 2:13 PM
92	Friendly	7/14/2020 2:09 PM
93	caring	7/13/2020 1:53 PM
94	Diverse	7/13/2020 11:55 AM
95	Spiritual	7/13/2020 8:52 AM
96	Caring	7/12/2020 6:45 PM
97	Hunger for Worship together	7/12/2020 5:24 PM
98	Public Health nightmare	7/12/2020 2:45 PM
99	sharing	7/12/2020 12:01 PM
100	not as close as we tend to believe	7/11/2020 7:26 AM
101	safe place	7/10/2020 4:48 PM
102	n/a	7/10/2020 12:08 PM
103	support group	7/9/2020 10:43 AM
104	Love	7/8/2020 7:05 PM
105	Support	7/7/2020 4:53 PM

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1	Listening	7/26/2020 11:11 AM
2	Caring	7/25/2020 10:23 PM
3	Strength and Support	7/23/2020 11:49 AM
4	spiritual and emotional support	7/23/2020 11:10 AM
5	Loving	7/23/2020 7:15 AM
6	Strong congregational family.	7/23/2020 2:45 AM
7	Individuals are ignored	7/20/2020 5:51 PM
8	Caring	7/20/2020 10:54 AM
9	Presence of the Holy Spirit	7/19/2020 1:28 PM
10	Reflective	7/19/2020 11:40 AM
11	Care and concern for our local community and outreach	7/19/2020 11:19 AM
12	Fellowship	7/19/2020 10:44 AM
13	Caring	7/18/2020 5:07 PM
14	Fellowship	7/18/2020 3:00 PM
15	Supporting	7/18/2020 2:28 PM
16	members of the church supporting each other	7/18/2020 2:00 PM
17	Some chaos & confusion	7/18/2020 7:28 AM
18	Learning	7/17/2020 6:56 PM
19	It's the people	7/17/2020 4:43 PM
20	loving God	7/17/2020 3:46 PM
21	We need each other	7/17/2020 3:18 PM
22	Loosing interest in church	7/17/2020 2:07 PM
23	Love	7/17/2020 10:07 AM
24	Participation	7/16/2020 7:09 PM
25	Church family	7/16/2020 5:22 PM
26	Inclusive	7/16/2020 4:56 PM
27	friendship	7/16/2020 3:59 PM
28	positive support	7/16/2020 10:34 AM
29	Faithful	7/15/2020 9:33 PM
30	community	7/15/2020 9:16 PM
31	Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place	7/15/2020 8:18 PM
32	fellowship	7/15/2020 5:05 PM
33	Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place	7/15/2020 4:27 PM
34	happy	7/15/2020 3:45 PM
35	Worship	7/15/2020 2:50 PM
36	Active	7/15/2020 12:18 PM
37	Supporting	7/15/2020 11:18 AM

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38	Active Parish Life	7/15/2020 10:51 AM
39	Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place	7/15/2020 10:51 AM
40	Focused on Love	7/15/2020 9:59 AM
41	One size fits all approach	7/15/2020 8:49 AM
42	Danger	7/15/2020 8:42 AM
43	Fellowship	7/14/2020 11:26 PM
44	Church family.	7/14/2020 10:40 PM
45	Forgiveness	7/14/2020 10:38 PM
46	Non judgemental	7/14/2020 10:02 PM
47	Willing to adjust to meet spiritual needs	7/14/2020 9:49 PM
48	Friendly	7/14/2020 8:57 PM
49	Loving	7/14/2020 8:26 PM
50	surveys	7/14/2020 7:56 PM
51	Drawing the Circle Wider	7/14/2020 7:46 PM
52	Community	7/14/2020 7:30 PM
53	Joy	7/14/2020 6:27 PM
54	Kindness	7/14/2020 6:02 PM
55	Helping each other and community	7/14/2020 5:45 PM
56	welcoming	7/14/2020 5:30 PM
57	Welcoming	7/14/2020 5:24 PM
58	Parishioners our old	7/14/2020 5:20 PM
59	Caring for one another	7/14/2020 5:01 PM
60	Old school	7/14/2020 4:40 PM
61	Financially challenged	7/14/2020 4:38 PM
62	we are very accepting and friendly	7/14/2020 4:26 PM
63	Service	7/14/2020 4:19 PM
64	Devoted	7/14/2020 4:09 PM
65	We are friends, as well as brothers and sisters in Christ	7/14/2020 4:07 PM
66	Group worship	7/14/2020 4:07 PM
67	Love of God	7/14/2020 4:04 PM
68	Togetherness	7/14/2020 3:58 PM
69	Friendly	7/14/2020 3:57 PM
70	SSocial Support	7/14/2020 3:54 PM
71	community	7/14/2020 3:15 PM
72	outreach	7/14/2020 3:10 PM
73	Joy	7/14/2020 3:10 PM
74	calmness	7/14/2020 3:05 PM
75	Faith.	7/14/2020 3:01 PM

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76	.	7/14/2020 2:51 PM
77	Thought provoking	7/14/2020 2:49 PM
78	Ministry	7/14/2020 2:49 PM
79	Active Parish Life	7/14/2020 2:36 PM
80	Worshipping	7/14/2020 2:35 PM
81	Prayerful	7/14/2020 2:33 PM
82	Reason or independent thinking	7/14/2020 2:32 PM
83	Support	7/14/2020 2:27 PM
84	Direction	7/14/2020 2:26 PM
85	Direction	7/14/2020 2:26 PM
86	Giving	7/14/2020 2:25 PM
87	spiritual	7/14/2020 2:16 PM
88	Understanding	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
89	Problematic vestry	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
90	thoughtful sermons	7/14/2020 2:13 PM
91	Kind	7/14/2020 2:09 PM
92	loving	7/13/2020 1:53 PM
93	Caring	7/13/2020 11:55 AM
94	Fellowship	7/13/2020 8:52 AM
95	People-focused	7/12/2020 6:45 PM
96	Not fearful.	7/12/2020 5:24 PM
97	Protecting our young and most vulnerable	7/12/2020 2:45 PM
98	caring	7/12/2020 12:01 PM
99	clique	7/11/2020 7:26 AM
100	acceptance	7/10/2020 4:48 PM
101	n/a	7/10/2020 12:08 PM
102	outreach	7/9/2020 10:43 AM
103	Community	7/8/2020 7:05 PM
104	Love	7/7/2020 4:53 PM

Q19 Is there anything else you would like the leadership to know that was not addressed in this survey?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 37

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thank you to the members of the congregation that have reached out to me after my recent operation.	7/26/2020 11:11 AM
2	No	7/25/2020 10:23 PM
3	Everything has become political. I avoid TV, news sources, etc. because it keeps my blood pressure sky high, upsets me, and angers me. I cannot attend church if it becomes a political arena .	7/23/2020 11:49 AM
4	As much as I would like to worship with the people who I love I want to be sure that we aren't endangering anyone. I would rather be safe than sorry by being responsible.	7/23/2020 11:10 AM
5	I have grown closer to more members during this period.	7/23/2020 7:15 AM
6	No.	7/23/2020 2:45 AM
7	Sermons and messages have been very pessimistic about the church ever coming together again. I have become very discouraged and unsure about returning to my church, and may consider finding another place of worship. The Bishop is much too controlling and opinionated lately. I used to love Bishop Rob and Bishop Curry, when they preached love. They have changed, and I have stopped reading their messages.	7/20/2020 5:51 PM
8	I don't think I'll be ready to come back in the near distant future.	7/20/2020 11:41 AM
9	The unknown is scary, we have many elderly folks in our congregation to protect	7/19/2020 1:28 PM
10	I think some people are scared to the point of hibernation and being borderline hermits!	7/19/2020 11:40 AM
11	So very grateful for the hard work from our parish leaders to create a daily ability to connect with St. Matthew's through the FB and YouTube live and recorded services. Very thankful for Kyle's work to include music in our weekly Sunday service. Mother Liz, Father Tommy, Karen Anderson, the various readers and vestry members who have participated in recording the services, and to the production crew who film and edit, and Charmaine and Susan who supply us with our weekly bulletins, your hard work has grounded your congregation through this uncertain time. It has been a blessing to me personally. I have truly loved seeing the children and families who have participated with the services!	7/19/2020 11:19 AM
12	We should have options for those who are most at risk to be able to attend in person. Perhaps a separate socially distanced service	7/19/2020 10:44 AM
13	Not sure at this time	7/18/2020 5:07 PM
14	No	7/18/2020 3:00 PM
15	I am so very proud of and thankful for the leadership (priests and vestry) of St. Matthews. The quality and spiritual depth of our our online services is top notch.	7/18/2020 2:28 PM
16	I am grateful to all of the people who have been working behind the scenes as well as those out front who have helped us to continue to have a "church" during Covid-19 time.	7/18/2020 2:00 PM
17	My wife and I travel most of the year and were rarely attending services in person prior to the pandemic	7/18/2020 7:53 AM
18	Use the KISS formula	7/18/2020 7:28 AM
19	Not rush to open.. we do not know enough yet about this disease and too many of the older generation are at risk and will continue to be .. until therapeutics are in place.. even a vaccine is unlikely to be anywhere beyond 50% effective with the ever mutating potentially lethal bug.. too many refuse to follow either GA's Emergency Order Guidelines which include no less that 35 references to face coverings and admonition yo follow CDC guidelines. Thanks	7/17/2020 6:56 PM
20	No.	7/17/2020 4:43 PM
21	on the question about how often we participate in worship, it should not just say Sundays. I participate 1-2 Sundays, but also at least 3 times during the week. Fr. Tommy has a very calm way to help us see the positive in this situation. He is a great addition to our congregation. I also enjoyed Karens positivity.	7/17/2020 3:46 PM
22	Consideration should still be given to on-line or remote attendance at bible study and other	7/17/2020 3:29 PM

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	church activities for those who are at high risk.	
23	"When 2 or 3 are gathered together in His name..." electronically works! And "It's the People "	7/17/2020 3:27 PM
24	Updates on those infirmed during this time.	7/17/2020 3:18 PM
25	Why not open services, social spacing...not limited by number but by SPACE.	7/17/2020 2:07 PM
26	No.	7/17/2020 10:07 AM
27	Music, choir, congregational singing, are all very important to me.	7/16/2020 7:09 PM
28	We are anxious to go back to church and will accept the sanitizing and social distancing, but will not wear a mask.	7/16/2020 3:59 PM
29	for all who have been hands on, thank you for your efforts. for the things we cannot do (parking lot service), why? Do we really have a Bishop (Bishop Wright) for all? I have not felt like it.	7/16/2020 10:34 AM
30	Can't wait for the time when all of St. Matt's community can be together again!	7/15/2020 9:33 PM
31	Will online services continue even if we meet in church?	7/15/2020 9:16 PM
32	No	7/15/2020 8:18 PM
33	I know this is un charted waters but I am very disappointed in our church. I have been very cautious but knowing the sick and dying have been totally abandoned is distressing.	7/15/2020 5:05 PM
34	No	7/15/2020 4:27 PM
35	nope, we are a small community & if church opens either have one service to give the church time to sanitize or change the worship hours to give the church time to sanitize	7/15/2020 3:45 PM
36	I would love to do an outdoor service. I truly miss communion, but would be happy to come back to worship without communion until it is safe to take communion again.	7/15/2020 2:50 PM
37	I think we should have been allowed (as a congregation) to use some alternative worship at church...such as outside, social distance activities for those willing or able.	7/15/2020 12:18 PM
38	No thanks!	7/15/2020 11:18 AM
39	I'm grateful for their compassion and leadership	7/15/2020 10:51 AM
40	No	7/15/2020 10:51 AM
41	The Pandemic and future issues should open our minds to creating DR/BCP teams and have plans in place to ensure the physical and mental health of our parishioners and our community. We must not allow fear to prevent us from thinking outside of the box to determine alternate methods of reaching out to make a tangible difference in the lives of all of mankind.	7/15/2020 9:59 AM
42	The church culture is set up for extroverts. As an introvert, I would be happy with online sermons from Bishop Rob or others and having the ability to go to my local church for Eucharist only.	7/15/2020 8:49 AM
43	No	7/15/2020 8:42 AM
44	We need to gather together as a church community	7/14/2020 11:26 PM
45	That services are great on line but I dearly miss seeing my church family. I feel somewhat disconnected no being able to gather together especially on Sunday mornings.	7/14/2020 10:40 PM
46	This has become a very weird world, too fanatical and politically uncertain of the future.	7/14/2020 10:38 PM
47	Continue putting safety of congregants first.	7/14/2020 10:02 PM
48	I hope the online ministry does not go away. I love the convenience, and flexibility that provides.	7/14/2020 9:49 PM
49	I think the requirement about not using hymn books, bulletins, BCP are overkill. Research has shown the surface transfer is very rare and the virus survival rate on paper is very short. As long as there are not multiple services in one day and sanitizing is done the day before the service and bulletins are placed for individual pick-up, there is negligible risk. The key elements are masks, distancing and sanitizing of surface prior to the service.	7/14/2020 8:57 PM

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50	It seems that there are too many groups all working on the same problem, who will finally step forward and make the final discision, as to what and how we are going to proceed, it seems we are all throwing around the same ideas and debating the same topics, we are losing parishioners to other churches who are now open!	7/14/2020 7:57 PM
51	Dont think it was necessary for an easy read bible to be sent to the President. Hearing that turned me off from our church.	7/14/2020 7:56 PM
52	How grateful I am for them and their leadership during these chaotic times. Y'all are the best and I appreciate each and every one of you!!	7/14/2020 7:46 PM
53	I would help in funding safety precautions if I could, however I am currently unable to afford to donate any additional funds to my church.	7/14/2020 7:30 PM
54	While having communion would not be necessary for me to come back to church, I would like to resume as quickly as is safe and feasible.	7/14/2020 6:27 PM
55	Great idea to have this survey - an opportunity to express our thoughts and feelings!	7/14/2020 6:02 PM
56	No	7/14/2020 5:45 PM
57	Although I would not REQUIRE communion, it would be nice to have communion as much as possible. And I would attend church without or with precautions set.	7/14/2020 5:30 PM
58	Being away I have been able to watch Church Services online that I could not make during the week in person before COVID19.	7/14/2020 5:20 PM
59	I was surprised how much the online services and meetings could make me feel connected. Continue stressing that our church still exists and work to keep moral high to get us through.	7/14/2020 5:01 PM
60	No	7/14/2020 4:40 PM
61	I do not want our clergy to make talking about racial equality or white privilege part of our christian education or the focus of sermons.	7/14/2020 4:26 PM
62	I believe the precautions outlined by St. Matthews clergy for attending in-person church are way too restrictive and unnecessary. Masks worn at all times; One way in and out; no more than 50 parishioners at a time, etc simply make attending church no worth the effort and discourages participation. I don't think such restrictions are necessary and will not resume in church worship until a more normal environment is possible. In fact, I will most likely be looking for a church family that puts more value in faith than it does in fear.	7/14/2020 4:23 PM
63	Is the Bishop concerned about my spiritual well being?	7/14/2020 4:19 PM
64	No	7/14/2020 4:09 PM
65	Just thank you for working so hard to keep us together. I'm sure it has not been easy.	7/14/2020 4:07 PM
66	I have also appreciated that members of the vestry have periodically reached out to us to ask how we're doing.	7/14/2020 4:07 PM
67	Feels like the Bishop is more concerned about a law suit over covid than my spiritual well being. Not pleased that priest have to curtail to the Bishop dictation. Many parishioners WILL NOT BE COMING BACK TO ST. MATTS.	7/14/2020 4:04 PM
68	I'm glad we have taken the precautions we have, but at the same time it's really hard to keep it going being so disconnected.	7/14/2020 3:58 PM
69	I need my church. They are doing a good job with on line but it is not the same. I need my people	7/14/2020 3:57 PM
70	No	7/14/2020 3:54 PM
71	We miss being in our sanctuary and worshiping with our church family. Being able to praise God together	7/14/2020 3:10 PM
72	No	7/14/2020 3:10 PM
73	We should have been back in our sanctuary months ago. Those that are at risk or feel compromised can always continue to worship online.	7/14/2020 3:05 PM
74	Let's Roll.	7/14/2020 3:01 PM

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75	.	7/14/2020 2:51 PM
76	No	7/14/2020 2:49 PM
77	Will bathrooms be available? Important to many of us.	7/14/2020 2:49 PM
78	Although this time has been frustrating to many who feel so tied to the actual church building, I think that it has been wonderful in providing our leadership opportunities to think more creatively. A problem is that many in the congregation has not necessarily embraced some of that creativity and therefore they whine about what used to be or what isn't. Our leadership started offering online morning and evening prayer, Compline, and Sunday services online. We also had a different kind of VBS online.	7/14/2020 2:44 PM
79	I'm grateful for their compassion and leadership	7/14/2020 2:36 PM
80	No	7/14/2020 2:35 PM
81	Clergy should be in touch with each parish family, making contact by a telephone call (best) or note. Praying with that parishioner or contact would mean a lot to many members.	7/14/2020 2:32 PM
82	I think the diocese has made it too difficult for the churches to re-open. I agree that there must be precautions in place, but with the requirements currently in place I despair that I will ever be able to worship with my church family again.	7/14/2020 2:27 PM
83	I will not live in fear the rest of my life.	7/14/2020 2:26 PM
84	I will not live in fear the rest of my life.	7/14/2020 2:26 PM
85	Online church has lost its luster for me, let's quit singing the songs that sound like dirges and sing some praise, let's use the folk band, more from Bishop Rob, I'm tired of my priests sermons	7/14/2020 2:25 PM
86	I believe that we as a church family can gain knowledge of one another if we have a class in which we share our personal experiences physically/spiritually after this virus separation is over.	7/14/2020 2:16 PM
87	Need to upgrade the technology in the sanctuary.	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
88	NA	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
89	thank you for keeping things going in this difficult time	7/14/2020 2:14 PM
90	Thank you for online services! And thank you for speaking out and encouraging anti racism.	7/14/2020 2:09 PM
91	Try to address underlying diversity issues in the church	7/13/2020 8:52 AM
92	The diocese should provide high quality on-line streaming as well as ways to stream within the church building if we have to watch service in different rooms rather than putting the cost burden on the individual church.	7/13/2020 8:07 AM
93	We need to get together. To worship, to be holy.	7/12/2020 5:24 PM
94	We need to be prudent in our deliberations to reopen; lost lives are irreplaceable, everything else can be replaced!	7/12/2020 2:45 PM
95	Not at this time.	7/12/2020 12:01 PM
96	no	7/10/2020 4:48 PM
97	I am a senior. As much as I want to return to the things meaningful to me, I cannot yet see a clear path for that to happen at this time. I urge caution.	7/9/2020 10:43 AM
98	That we are appreciative of their hard work during this difficult time.	7/8/2020 7:05 PM
99	No	7/7/2020 4:53 PM