We will be reopening for a Saturday evening worship service! This will start Saturday, August 15th at 7 PM in the Bryant Street Parking Lot (no reservations required). Please arrive starting at 6:45 as the service will begin promptly at 7.

The service will last roughly 30 minutes. We will give you the radio frequency to tune your car radio to when you arrive. While outside of the vehicle options may be available in the near future, we ask that you remain in your car for the service. We will have the worship bulletin available on our website (and a few paper copies). No masks are needed while you are in your vehicle, but are required should you step out. Social distancing is also required outside of your vehicle.

Communion will be contactless (in a zip top bag, pre-packaged, and handed to you on a tray with tongs by someone with a mask and gloves).

An Offering Bucket will be available to place your offering in.

Insurance requires us to mention that carpooling with those outside of your family/household bubble increases your chance of contracting COVID-19. Our Annual Conference requires us to mention that those who are 65 and older or immuno-compromised and in a higher-risk category are at an increased risk of contracting COVID-19 and advised not to attend.

I recognize that several elements of this service are not be ideal. But it has been a ongoing discussion for several months to get to this place where I feel that our outside service is currently safer than other inside worship options, especially for those who are concerned about contracting the virus.

Benefits of this service include:

- The ability to see other people from church.
- The ability to sing without fear of contracting/spreading the virus.
- The ability to worship (in your car) without a mask.
- The ability to do these things in person.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Don

Online worship will continue to be available every Sunday morning at 11 AM via our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and church website (<u>benbrookumc.org</u>). If you feel safer and more comfortable at home, we encourage you to continue worshiping in this way.