

**St. John the Apostle, Port Moody
Survey on Reopening of Church Building and Worship in the Future - July 2020**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey, asking mainly about your experience of virtual worship and your comfort level of returning to church services in the building. Please note, the survey was sent to all with email addresses, and a couple of answers also came in via email and phone. Your feedback significantly impacts our decisions regarding re-opening and the required processes and protocols.

We know many of you are wondering when we might begin to re-open for church worship in the building and other ministries. Your feedback on the survey indicates that at least 80% of you continue to feel "hesitant" to "very uncomfortable" to return to the building in the foreseeable future. In response, Council has decided that the church building will remain closed over the summer for worship.

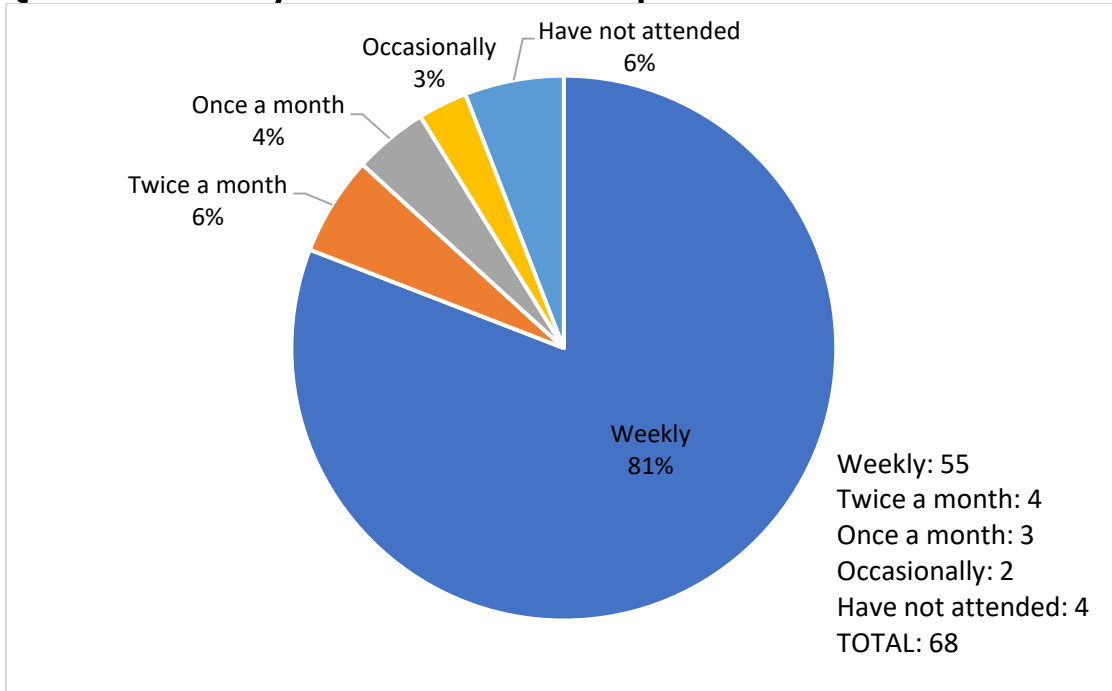
In September we will re-evaluate and continue to be guided by local provincial government and health professionals, user group needs, as well as your comfort level with returning to the building for worship.

To promote the safest possible conditions for your return to the church building for worship, we will have a phased approach to re-opening with clearly defined safety guidelines and procedures. This will be communicated with as much notice as possible and we will ask for your help in cleaning and sanitizing prior to doing so.

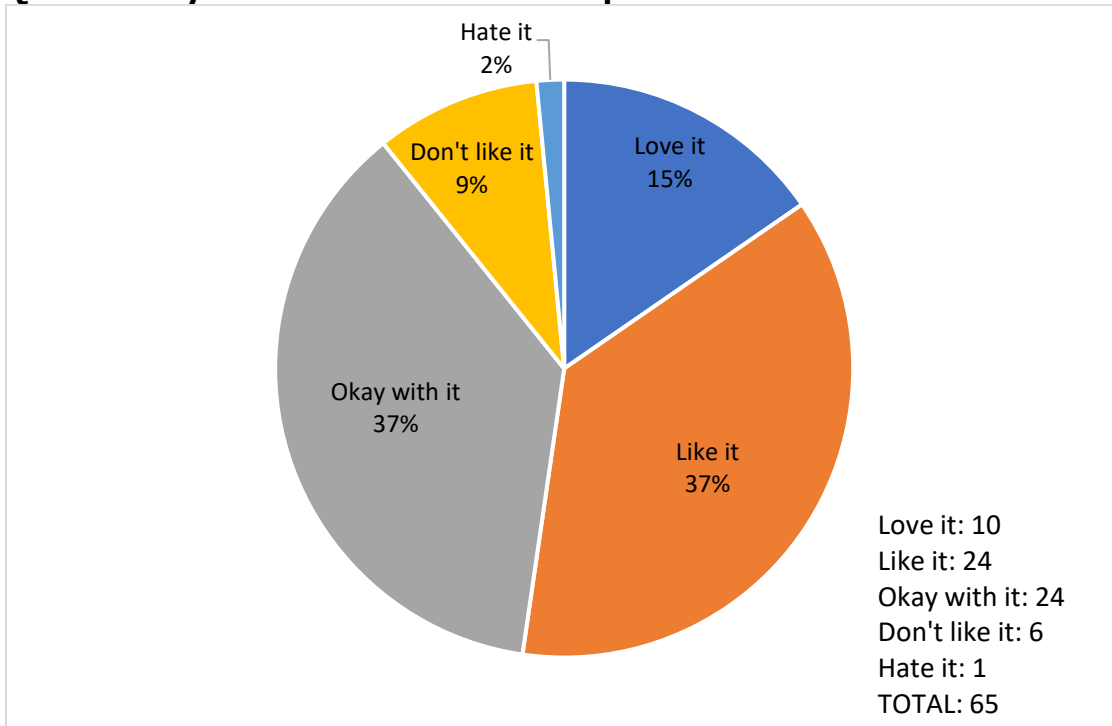
Below is an abridged report of the survey results. For this purpose, we have presented the most frequent responses. We will present the complete set of raw data separately.

Note: 3 responses came in after the survey closed via email and phone. We have not included them in the pie charts but have included their comments where applicable.

Q1. How often do you attend ZOOM worship?



Q2. How do you feel about ZOOM worship?



Q3. What do you like about Virtual Worship? E.g. Accessibility, Length of Service, Comfort, Convenience, etc.

Convenience and comfort level were the most frequent answers. Being able to worship without the risk of contracting the virus was another top answer.

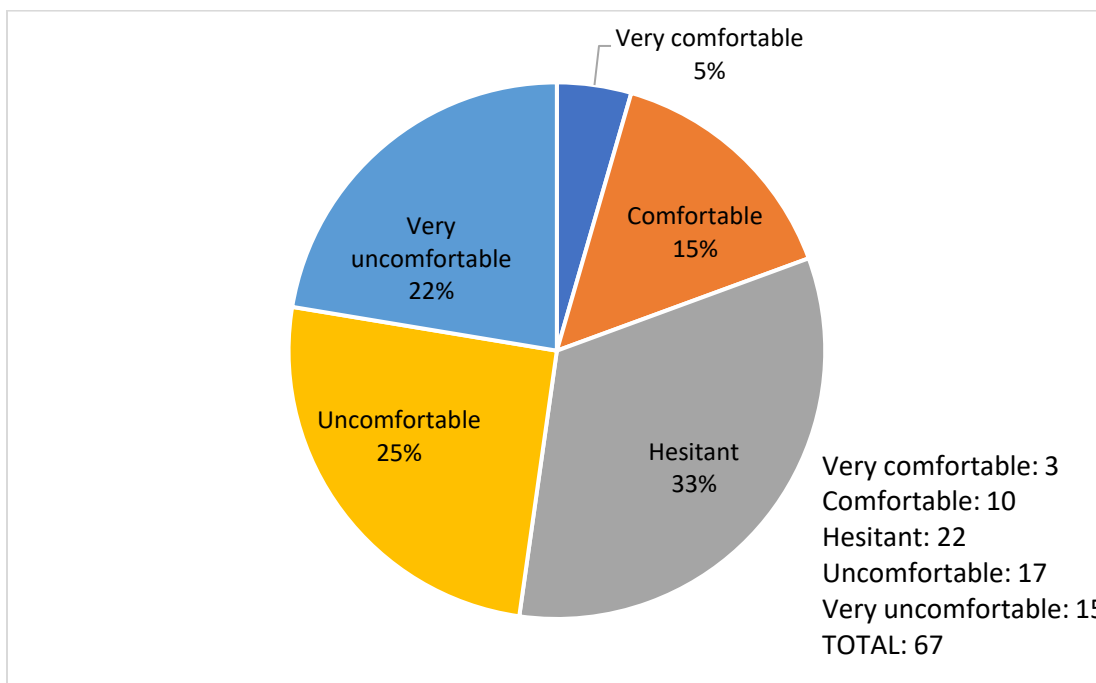
Q4. What do you not like about Virtual Worship? E.g. No Singing, No Eucharist, No Touching/Hugging, etc.

The most frequent answers were: absence of singing, Eucharist, coffee hour and no touching/hugging. Technology glitches - not being able to coordinate prayers and singing – was also mentioned.

Q5. What ideas do you have for enhancing Virtual Worship?

These answers mainly centred on different ways for choir/congregation to sing and improved technology.

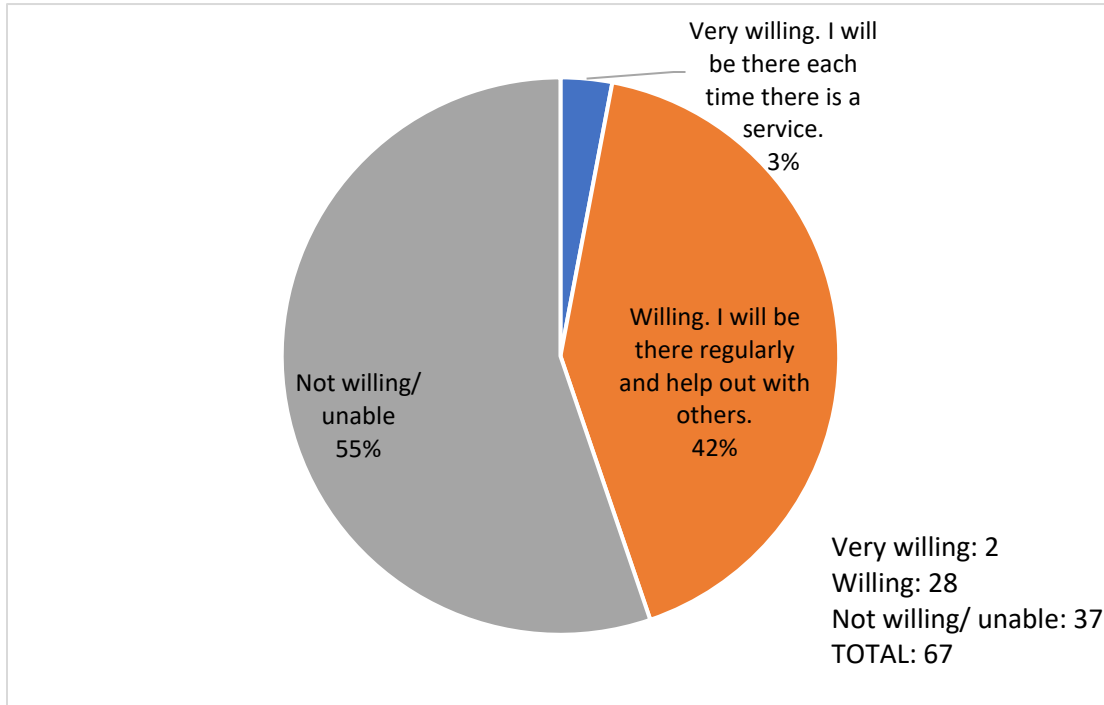
Q6. Reopening at this time will not include Eucharist, congregational singing, passing of the peace and coffee hour. We will have to observe physical distancing, wear masks and limit the number of people attending. Additional cleaning and sanitizing are required. Knowing the restrictions, how comfortable are you in reopening for in-person worship?



Q7. Why are you comfortable/uncomfortable in reopening for in-person worship?

Answers centred around staying safe and maintaining social distance, especially for seniors. Some feel that it would not be the same worshipping without the singing, Eucharist, coffee hour and with no hugging/touching. There were also concerns for personal health.

Q8. If we were to reopen for in-person worship, how willing are you to assist in the preparation, which will include setting up on the day before worship, and sanitizing and clean-up after service?



Q9. What concerns do you have about the future as we experience the pandemic?

The fear of the unknown was most frequently voiced. Most would not risk coming for in-person worship for fear of contracting the virus, as well as not being sure if others will follow health guidelines and protocols.

Q10. Any other comments?

Answers included:

- Personal hesitations and factors to consider when reopening the building (*e.g. evolving situation of virus, safety of at-risk folks*)
- Ideas for execution of reopening (*e.g. additional or outdoor service, alternating weeks of attendance, concurrent online worship*)
- Concern for those who have not been Zooming
- General thanks to parish leadership