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Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

Last Friday, I was in New York City for a meeting. When it was over, I took the subway downtown to see our son James, and I got off at 14th Street, right there at Union Square. As I made my way through the station, I came across a large crowd of people and, wondering what they were doing, stopped to see what was happening. That is when I saw them – hundreds and hundreds of little “stickies” plastered on the wall.

The stickies were all different colors, just like the people in the crowd, and on the stickies were written positive, uplifting messages, with words like love, acceptance, respect and dignity featured prominently.

New York City is a tough place and, as we all know, there is a sense of divisiveness pervading the country right now. Yet, here, in the middle of the divisiveness, in the midst of our biggest, most bustling city was a sign of unity, solidarity and hope.

Deeply moved by what I saw, I took these two pictures to share with you:

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And then, before I left, I pulled a pen out of my pocket, grabbed a blank stickie from the pile on the floor and wrote the following words: Grace Church loves you.

So, if you find yourself in New York, walking through the 14th street station, look for that stickie, because it's there for anyone and everyone to see.

See you in church,
Andrew