This will be my first time flying since the onset of the Covid pandemic. I did not fly at all in 2020.

I got to the airport around 5:00am for a 6:30am departure. Since I was only planning to be out for a full day, I just parked in the daily lot. It’s going to cost me $42 bucks… then it’s a walk to the elevator to the skyway to the terminal.

Downstairs there’s a sign showing what’s open for security, etc. I just went to the check-in desk to print out new boarding passes, even though I checked in last night. The purpose is because I only had mobile boarding passes. At the check-in area, I was asked to wait for an open kiosk, but multiple people cut in line and got the agent a little frustrated, so I told her I was just going to use the Premier Access line (as part of my Premier status).

Security was faster than I expected as someone flying with TSA Precheck. Within minutes, I was cleared and walking into Concourse E. Though I had to eat breakfast first; I grabbed a meal at McDonalds for convenience. On a Wednesday morning, none of the TSA lines appeared long.

Here’s my plane. N67827 will fly UA754 to Chicago today; it flew as UA783 last night into Minneapolis.

Unfortunately, I was using my iPhone Xr…

The seats were the same as a Baltimore to Chicago flight I took in October 2019 as well as a Minneapolis to Denver flight I took in December 2019 (minus the TV and Boeing Sky Interior). Being late in the boarding process, I just borrowed a picture from aircraft #3889 (N62889). That’s the view from 4B.

And a blanket was provided for this short flight, not that I needed it.

Gosh, this poor bird definitely needs some maintenance. Look at the armrest holding the tray table. Bad part was I couldn’t even shove it down (not that I was going to try). It wasn’t a problem for this flight, though.

Here’s that Spirit A319-132 to Los Angeles (I think).

And the view from 4A. Not a bad engine view.

The overhead panel is standard, not that I was looking for much.

And the Spirit pushed back before we did, they had the same departure time. Boarding was taking a while on this plane, probably as there were likely a lot of inexperienced travelers. The purser gave instructions on what to do after boarding and stated that a lot of passengers had connections (I had one that was 1 hour 9 minutes… eek!).

And with the jetbridge removed, we were almost ready as the FAs rushed to prepare the cabin.

And that’s a Delta Boeing 757-351 with PW2000 engines. One of the rare B753s.

We pushed back almost 10 minutes late, started engines, and went out.

Takeoff from Runway 17, a slight left immediately after we went airborne, and into the haze from the northwestern wildfires, particularly horrible this year.

Here’s screenshots of the United Wi-Fi page, including flight information. I didn’t see the price for that, not that I needed it.

Thanks to the pandemic, we were offered an “All-in-one snack bag” which contained water, pretzel, and Stroopwafel. I didn’t eat anything in there and saved it for later.

I did have a coffee, one sugar.

After drinks were passed out, I went to the lavatory. Unsurprisingly we have the really small sink that’s a trademark of most narrowbodies.

And I grabbed a picture of the wing in the middle of cruise.

We parked at Gate B6, right next to a sistership. From there, I dashed out of the plane and to B16 for my next flight.

Here is the flight status details from the United App.

Onwards to my next flight…