

April 2, 2020

Dear Ones in Christ,

During this time of isolation due to the Coronavirus, our hearts go out to everyone in our church body. We are not able to be with each other, to worship or fellowship with each other. And so, we worry about each other and trust we are all doing alright. But we can call one another on the phone (not text). We can commit to pray for each other. And, please (!), if you have some need or are directly affected by the virus, or need groceries, etc., call our elders or deacons or church members and we will try to help the best we can.

However, being homebound, this is a great time to read God's Word, especially the Psalms. We need to recognize that Scripture is God's Word, God's 'Voice', speaking to us. In Genesis 1, God spoke, and it happened. God's Word is unique in this sense, that God uses His Word to speak to us, and He does so powerfully and effectively. [Read Psalm 29.] We are scared of the Coronavirus. But our trust is in the Lord. And there are numerous passages in the Psalms where God speaks to us of his care for us.

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 46:1*

*I sought the Lord, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. 34:4*

*O taste and see that the Lord is good; how blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! 34:8*

Also, remember to tune in to the service on this Sunday, Palm Sunday, at 10:15 a.m. Just go to our website and click on the service. It is that simple. In this way, we can worship together, though indeed from our own homes. We won't be having children waving palm branches or anything like that. But we can worship, and pray, and listen to God's Word together as we focus our attention on that glorious parade coming down the Mount of Olives honoring Jesus. We will also find out that there is much more to that event than is evident at first sight.

Love in Christ,

Your Elders