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*"When it was evening on that day, the first of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish (authorities), Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." John 20:19*

Followers of Jesus fearfully locked down in their homes; sounds familiar right? The resurrected Jesus shows up in the midst of their fear, in their isolation and offers a word of peace. The laws of physics no longer apply to him. The grave clothes of death no longer bind him. He simply shows up for his friends when and where they need him.

This year our Easter Sunday will look much more like the first Easter Sunday than any other we have known in our lifetimes. We too will be "sheltering in place". There is a palpable sense of fear. And the Christ will show up in our midst.

Jesus will appear in the loving words spoken or the time we take to listen to each other. Christ will be found in the wonders of nature blooming in Spring. The Divine will be present as we pray, meditate, read, and protect each other by practicing safe social distance.

We will celebrate the gift of resurrected life as we walk together through the Three Days of Holy Week. I hope that you have prepared your Holy Week Tenebrae wreath to mark the moments in Jesus' journey to the cross and the empty tomb. On Thursday and Friday, we will livestream services on Facebook at 7 pm. You will be invited to join in and light or extinguish your candles at home. On Sunday we will livestream our worship at 9:30 am. All of these services will also be posted to YouTube so that you can watch them whenever works for you and you can send them to friends and family.

If you don't have access to the internet, please call us at (858)483-2300 and let us help you find a way to worship with us. We may be able to assist you getting online or we can pray with you over the phone.

We have been very busy here at church. The needs of our wider community are becoming greater each day. If you are able to help us meet these needs (and remain financially stable) we invite you to consider an Easter offering above and beyond your normal giving. [Please click here to give electronically.](#) If you have been laid off or if your financial situation has deteriorated in these times, please know that we are not asking you for more, but in fact would like to know if we can help you get by. You can contact me personally if that is your need. My cell phone is (858) 245-1040.

Brothers and Sisters, let us learn the lessons that these days have to teach us. Let us bear witness to the power of love over death in the resurrection of our Lord. Let us support each other in prayer and acts of love. Finally, let us trust in the One who knows no limitations and promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

Peace,

Pastor Dave