

March 18, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Just five days ago, I wrote to you concerning the congregation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. At that time, we changed our worship practices and curtailed some meetings.

Things are changing fast in the world, however. Collin County has declared a health emergency. The CDC has called for no gatherings with over 10 people. Restaurants have stopped sit-down dining. The world has become a different place in the past five days.

In light of the need to keep all people safe and to help slow the spread of this virulent virus, your church council took extraordinary action.

Effective immediately:

- ❖ We will suspend in-person worship.
 - We will hold worship via Facebook Live at 10 am on Sunday mornings.
 - Bulletins and Greensheets will be available for download.
 - We will not be gathering for Wednesday night worship in Lent.
- ❖ All meetings, gatherings, group work parties, etc. have been suspended.
- ❖ The staff will be encouraged to work from home as much as possible.
 - Phones will be forwarded to a staff member so that we can keep in contact.
- ❖ While we are not under the same roof, the mission and ministries of this church continue. We need your prayers and support.
 - Please continue your financial support by mailing in your offering or giving online at www.rlcplano/give.
- ❖ Watch the webpage, www.RLCPlano.org, for links to information and the latest details on worship.

Some may think this response is extreme, but we all need to do our part to protect the community. Ours is not a young congregation and many of our members fall into the high-risk group. Young people are as likely as the not-so-young to carry this disease. We do not want it to be spread at Resurrection.

Bishop Gronberg met (via Zoom) with the clergy of the synod yesterday. He reminded us that the Church will survive this. The Church, with God's help, has always survived. When this pandemic is over, we will have the opportunity to gather together the dry bones of the desert and reknit the body of Christ which is the Church. Pray for strength in the interim. I will be praying for you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill