



October 20, 2020

Dear Friends,

It has been a delight to gather with some of you in our courtyard on Sunday mornings in October. We have been blessed with cooperative weather, a joyful spirit, and the gift of being and worshipping together. However, now that October is drawing to a close, we turn to what is next. Therefore, we are writing to let you know that last week the Coronavirus Task Force made a unanimous recommendation to the Session, and the Session voted to concur. That decision is:

Beginning in November we will halt in-person worship and pivot to a recorded/livestreamed worship experience with only the worship leaders and video operators present in the sanctuary. We will reevaluate in March.

While we had hoped that we could safely gather together inside in the months to come, we believe that it is most faithful and responsible not to do so. We understand the difficulty of this situation for many people. We also know this is a relief for many others. Clearly, this is not a decision that was made lightly. However, the reasoning behind this decision is overwhelming.

As we've said all along, our top priority is to keep our community safe and healthy. So, like with everything, we will do the best we can as we go forward. It is our hope that we can model and lead with what we believe is good, smart, safe, and responsible behavior.

We know that Christmas Eve will be impacted by this decision. We are working on ways to provide a joyful and meaningful experience on that sacred and holy night. We will have more information and details to come on this later.

Also, we (Mihee and Andy), are working on ways for us to connect with you, and you with us. We hope to have more on this in the near future too, so stay tuned.

Please do know that we are here if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to email or call us. We'd be happy to listen and to talk further. Please also know that we hold all of you, and all of us, in prayer.

Peace,

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