



The world is filled with uncertainty - from the simple, “When will there be toilet paper at the store?” to the more serious, “Will I get Coronavirus COVID-19?”

We will not worship together for a time – but Cristine and I will be developing online worship opportunities and preparing materials for faith formation in the home....”it's a new day for being the church, and new opportunities abound. Additionally, please continue to support the ministry and mission of the church with your prayers and your financial offerings – many ministries behind the scenes continue.

None of us know how long the crisis will last. However I do know one thing, and that is that Jesus has promised to be with us and will see us through with greater awareness of His providence and gratitude for His grace, all lavishly shown in that joyful celebration which we are moving toward of Easter life.”

This Lenten sermon series will show you that it is only by embracing the uncertain – facing it, instead of fearing it – that we fully experience the power of faith in Christ and his resurrection. We can follow Christ with courage, hope, and an obedience that leads to joy. For we discover that after the world quakes - it is because of the empty tomb that the ground has settled, our footing is secure, and the only source of a firm foundation to build our lives upon is Jesus.

WE WORRY ABOUT THINGS THAT WE CANNOT CHANGE

By Prayer and Petition God hears us.
By Prayer and Listening God reveals Peace.

We worry about many things...Kids, jobs... By Prayer and Petition God hears us. By Prayer and Listening God reveals to us Peace. (even when the answer is no, not now, or that we will continue to suffer).

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

- When people came that needed healing?
- When children came to hear him?
- When tax collectors came to confession?

What did Jesus do?

When people came that needed healing? – He healed them.

When children came to hear him? – He invited them closer.

When tax collectors came to confession? He asked them to give back what they stole and follow him.

The brother who wanted his share of the inheritance was reminded that's not the kind of blessing most important – when you have the Son of God in your midst!

PEACE VS COMFORT

- Notice the ways God provides for you.
- Know the hope you have in God's promises for tomorrow and eternity.



Although we are distancing ourselves physically for the sake of community health, it is opportunity to be more intentional in sharing our hope and encouragement of faith in other ways.

With all the news of Corvid19 added on top of waiting on General Conference along with the normal challenges of ministry in this day and age, I know that you are dealing with heightened sense of anxiety. First, this is not a time for fear and panic. We are told in many places in scripture to be not afraid, or fear not. But with all that is happening, it is difficult to avoid feeling anxious. So, I first want to say, please take care of yourself in this time. Watch out for each other. We are better together than we are alone.

Secondly, this Corvid19 is taking us into places we have never been, so yes, our sense of normalcy is being disrupted, but it is also going to open up opportunities to love our communities and engage with them in this time of heightened insecurity. We can still be in ministry to our communities. Check on one another, offer to pick up prescriptions for folks, offer to get groceries for them, and stay in contact with them...