

Dear Hosanna family,

Because so many are concerned about the ongoing spread of the Covid-19 virus, we want you to be assured that Hosanna has been responding with wisdom. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of sound judgment (II Timothy 1:7). We are therefore following following the guidance of the medical community and, of course, the mandates of state and local authorities in choosing to remain connected to each other in ways that do not involve physically meeting together for the time being.

We are sending weekly email updates to those for whom we have addresses, and are posting to our website weekly messages and worship led by our pastors, as well as other opportunities to connect live online. While you can access the recorded resources at any time, please consider doing so at 9:30 am on Sundays, so you know that many other members of our Hosanna family are also connected at the same time!

If you or someone you know is unable to access the online resources, the message notes and the bulletin are downloadable, printable, and shareable. Please pass them along to any who may be without online technology. And please **send us** your email address if we do not seem to have it.

The ministry of Hosanna is still going strong through through this unusual time; in fact, we may be in some respects more active than ever in looking out for each other in a time of enforced isolation. Hosanna needs and appreciates your continued offerings in this time of distress, therefore, recognizing that there has a been significant financial impact from this situation for many in our community.

If you or someone you know is sick, please let us know! We don't want to share germs, but we also don't want anyone to feel lonely or isolated. There are many ways we can stay in touch.

And if you have trouble finding needed food or medical supplies, please let us know. We are a community and can work together to meet as many needs as possible.

If you are feeling anxious about all of this – and everything else that is going on in the world – you are not alone. It is in times like this when Christ's Presence and His Body can be such a source of comfort, peace, and confident hope... not only for ourselves, but also for our neighbors... as we live in the reality that Jesus' life and light always shine brightest in the darkest of days... and that He will never leave us to face our fears or troubles alone.

Let us be Christ's hands, heart, and feet. Let us reach out to one another in love and compassion. Let us stay connected in meaningful ways between Sundays. Let us be the Church that God has called and gifted us to be... for such times as these.

So much love to you all,
Jo Ann, Tony, and the Hosanna Leadership Team