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My Dear Friends in Christ,

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I am praying fervently for all of you and for us as a congregation during this difficult time. I think we are all still trying to understand the breadth and depth of the coronavirus and all that it means for us. Even though we can not gather together to worship, we are still connected as the Body of Christ. Remember that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39).

During times of stress I turn to my favorite Bible passages. Today I'd like to share with you Isaiah 41:10. *"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."*

Hold onto the promises of God. He is with you, He is with each of us. I don't know how long we will need to keep our distance and to hunker down at home. But this I know, just as God brought His people together after being in exile, so will God bring us together to rejoice and sing and laugh and feast once again.

But for now, please stay home as much as you possibly can. The coronavirus has claimed far too many lives for us to not take this seriously. If you need someone to get groceries or medicine for you, please call me or the church office. We have a number of people who have volunteered to shop and deliver needed items.

We will be recording worship services for each Sunday and posting them on our website and Facebook. I will also continue to record a Bible Story and Bedtime Book each day and have those posted. Be safe and well, dear friends.

I leave you with the words of a beautiful song written by Rory Noland, titled "Till We Gather Again."

*1. May the peace of God be with you as we go our separate ways.
May He shower you with His mercy and grace, till we gather again.*

*Refrain: May God bless you and keep you every step along the way
Gently guiding and loving you, till we gather again.*

*2. Take the love of Jesus with you to a world in desperate need,
May your life shine bright as a beacon of light, till we gather again.
Refrain*

*3. May the Spirit stir inside you, holy passion and desire
to be kind and just and walk humbly with God, till we gather again.
Refrain*

*4. When the storms of life surround you and the road is dark and dim;
may you hold on tight to the One holding you, till we gather again.
Refrain.*

God's Deep and Abiding Peace,
Pastor Sue Beadle

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