

*Dear Members and Friends,*

As you know, the situation with the Coronavirus is changing rapidly. We find ourselves in uncertain times with events and restrictions unfolding on a daily and sometimes hourly basis. Your church leaders want you to know that we care deeply about our community and our members and we are paying close attention to what is unfolding regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and bringing our full care to what will best serve our community. All who are impacted directly by the Coronavirus are in our prayers. Your church leaders are working to identify and provide ways that we can stay connected as a community of faith in spite of the physical distancing that is required.



This is upsetting and anxious for us all, and yet it is precisely in such a time of ambiguity that we are wise to remember Psalm 46, which says, *"though the earth should change and the mountain shake in the heart of the sea," God is our refuge and strength.*" Our faith is founded upon the life and ministry of Jesus, our Christ. We are reminded that *"In life and in death, we hold fast to the promises of the Gospel."* The biblical mandate to *"fear not!"* is referenced over 360 times. In each day and night, we do well to study the scriptures, pray without ceasing and remember that we are One in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

In order to reach out to our church community we are working on ways to keep connected. The Board of Deacons is creating an "old fashioned" church phone tree. **Are you looking for a way to help out during this pandemic?** Why not consider being a "contact group leader" who would be willing to make phone calls and keep in touch with the church folks according to the phone tree list. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please email our Senior Deacon, JoAnn Hornyak, at [johornyak@cox.net](mailto:johornyak@cox.net) for further instructions. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

A valued colleague offered these thoughts; *These are the times when we can most feel our togetherness — our shared fragility, vulnerability, interdependence and care. Our world needs those who can remember Jesus' invitation to be still, to breathe, to listen, and remember to hold what is unfolding in a space of love and compassion.* Together we will be there with and for all in our community and shine as a light of hope, care, faith, and love. I know that because of you, your faithfulness, your amazing caring, and your genuine love we will make it through this pandemic together with God's grace leading us.

I am honored to continue to serve Christ in this place,

Rev. Deborah Tate Breault