

Dear Friends at 5C:

In midst of coronavirus outbreak, our congregation holds the last worship service in the church before we go online service next Sunday. Pastor Ray leads us in prayers for this outbreak as well as for our nation. God is watching over us, and in times of crisis like this we have nowhere to turn but Him. Our members treasure this precious time together and bless one another as we leave for home. This Sunday we have 31 people worshipping in the church.

The situation in US is chaotic, but as Christians we have a great hope beyond what we hear and what we see right now. It is more than ever that we need to hear from God, trust His protection, and live in peace given by Christ. Just as I share with our congregation on Sunday, God assures His people throughout history, "Fear not, because I am with you." I am glad that our government takes more aggressive measures to slow down this spread. America is a great country as we have faced many challenges in the past. We trust that under God this country will once again win the battle over this epidemic.

This crisis is also a test for the church leadership. Our deacon board makes a swift response to the escalating situations. Bianca and Raymond have taken many hours over the weekend to draft up an emergency plan, so our church may be able to continue our worship service virtually when we are unable to meet in person. Praise the Lord for many talents in this small church! Sunday night the board meets the very first time virtually to further our preparation for dealing ministry changes, here are some of the highlights:

1. Church suspends all in person services or meetings until further notice.
2. Church adopts live stream for Sunday school as well as Sunday service.
3. Pastor Chen will be in church office as scheduled, 9:00am-2:00pm on 3/20 (Friday). 3/25 (Wednesday) and 3/27 (Friday). You are welcome to stop by in person if you'd like.
4. In case of community shutdown, Pastor Chen will hold virtual office hours (to be announced later).
5. Pastor Chen will send out a newsletter each week to all members in the church.
6. Raymond will hold several live stream tests this week, please sign-in and get your device ready for Sunday.
7. Church plans to have small groups and prayer meeting online (in planning).

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for Coronavirus outbreak in US and around the world.
2. Pray for physical and spiritual well-being of our church members.
3. Pray for church preparation for live stream on Sunday.
4. Pray for church leadership handling the transition of on-going ministry.
5. Pray for God's provision for those families affected by the slow-down of business.
6. Pray for God's protection for those who have to work outside home.

Please let us know if you have any prayer requests. Stay safe and keep your personal hygiene in place. Look forward to seeing you virtually on Sunday 3/22.

Blessings!

Pastor Jinchang