

Dear Friends at 5C:

As the infected number and death continue to climb each day, Americans live in a horror that no one would be able to imagine three months ago. In this unusual times, Christians around the world call upon God for His mercy over Coronavirus outbreak. We trust that our God with abundant love for His creatures will shorten the days of suffering for the sake of His people. On Sunday 3/29 we have 59 people worshiping together through Zoom. Though this approach may not be ideal, it does provide an essential support among church family in this special circumstance. Surprisingly our people fall in love with this new technology, I bet that we may continue to make use of Zoom even after all of Coronavirus scare is over. Thanks to our leaders who work diligently to have our church connected through this pandemic. I also appreciate Bianca and Annie Shi-Mu for their translation, it is much harder to translate without seeing the speaker face to face, but they did very well.

Sunday message tackles with the issue of theodicy, when people ask about God in midst of fear and panic, believers should be equipped to answer their questions. God sends a strong message through coronavirus outbreak, it is a wake-up call for human race to repent and return to God. I encourage that our members will take this occasion rest in the Lord, enjoy a quality time with your family, and draw close to our Creator through prayers and meditations. As Good Friday is only ten days away, let us prepare our heart to receive God's grace. During the last two Sundays, we saw some of unexpected visitors, Wesley and Jasmine with their adorable baby, and online visitors- Angel and her niece. Praise the Lord that we can see many happy faces as people are confined in movement by the government order. Please feel free to contact Pastor Chen or the church if you need any helps during this challenging period.

Ministry Update:

1. Virtual prayer meetings at 7:30pm Monday and Thursday, which are led by Annie Shi-Mu and Anderson respectively.
2. Pastor Chen's virtual office hours, 10:00am-12:00pm every Wednesday and Friday.
3. Chinese Sunday school (Annie Shi-Mu) and English Sunday (Rachel Ma)
4. Pastor Ray will preach this Sunday 4/5. Look forward to his message!
5. We are working to have a virtual communion on Good Friday.
6. We plan to have a virtual Good Friday service (4/10) and Easter service (4/12).

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 leadership handling the transition of on-going ministry.
4. Pray for God's provision for church families affected by the slowing-down of business.
5. Pray for God's protection for people who have to work outside home.

Please stay home and Keep social distance when you are out. May the Lord protect each one of us. Look forward to seeing you virtually on Sunday.

Blessings!

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