



SAMMAMISH
Presbyterian Church

Dear Friends,

We are reaching out with a few short updates, as we work to keep you informed of developing changes with regards to our SPC community, in response to the COVID-19 situation. Expect our regularly scheduled enewsletter this Thursday, as well (if you have not opted in to our enews, you can do so [HERE](#).)

ONLINE-ONLY WORSHIP THROUGH MARCH 31

Although never a *replacement* for worship in community, the online-only worship format is enabling us to experience an alternate form of worship, when in-person is not possible. We will continue this through the end of March.

So, March 15, 22 and 29 worship will be hosted *online only*, with all other Sunday activities cancelled. At present, all weekly SPC events/meetings are postponed beyond March 31, with the exception of Glory Days Preschool and our Mid-High and Senior-High midweek programming. We invite you to check the [SPC website Coronavirus information](#) for the most up-to-date information about event and program status.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 15

We are so grateful and excited to have worshipped together this past Sunday on Facebook Live. For those of you who were able to participate, it was encouraging and meaningful to be “together” in this new way! So fun to be “talking” to each other during church!

We also recognize that a number of folks were unable to log in, or had trouble with the feed. It appears that many of these issues were specifically related to the Facebook Live platform (volume, freezing, non-Facebook members, etc). We only used Facebook on Sunday because of the limited preparation time we had.

This Sunday, we are working to broaden our platform to include **YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook** and, hopefully, the **SPC website**. As soon as we know for certain what will be available, we will post it on the website.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE THIS SUNDAY?

We are excited to invite you to an ancient form of worship this Sunday: in fact, it's very similar to how the first century believers worshipped: in small house-groups! Worship from home is not a

substitute for the gathering of the body, but in the midst of this situation, we want to try and come together in small gatherings as we worship via live feed. Being with others invites the Spirit to work in and through one another, as worship goes deeper and wider. So, here is our ask:

- This Sunday, would you be willing to **host** a small gathering of folks to watch the worship service together? If so, please [email Kara Stender](#) by Thursday at 5pm, so we can connect you with interested folks nearby.
- This Sunday, would you like to **join** a small group of folks at the home of a host SPC family? If so, please [email Kara Stender](#) by Thursday at 5pm, so we may connect you with a nearby host.

Thank you for your continuing communication and feedback. We will continue to update our website with information about COVID-19 that impacts SPC campus and our community.

Faithfully,

Jeff & Kelly
SPC Pastors