



**Glorify God
Grow in Christ and
Generously Share God's
Love and Grace**

April 2, 2020

Dear GVPC Family,

There's been a lot of talk in the media about what the coronavirus pandemic means for our celebration of Easter this year. Certainly, this will be an Easter unlike any we've ever observed. Houses of worship will be empty on what is traditionally the biggest day of the religious calendar. I draw comfort, however, as I remember the joy of the first Easter morning.

As Jesus' disciples were hiding in the darkness of the Upper Room, they thought their world had come to an end. Fear filled the room as they cloistered themselves from society, but it was in the darkness of fear that the Risen Lord appeared to them saying, "*Peace be with you.*" I believe Jesus wants us to cling to those same words this Easter, even as we cloister ourselves in our homes.

I invite you to tune in to our worship services this Holy Week which will be offered via Facebook livestreaming and posted on the church's website. Please refer to the directions included with this letter to help guide you as you access our services.

This year, the **Sacrament of Communion** will be celebrated virtually during our **Good Friday Service** at **12 pm**. You are invited to prepare the bread and the cup at home as we share the elements together knowing that we are united by God's Holy Spirit. Join us throughout the week as we celebrate and remember the events that changed history forever.

Palm Sunday, April 5 – 10 am

Sermon – "Hosanna: The Cry of Human Hearts"

Maundy Thursday, April 9 – 7 pm

Meditation – "One Dark Night"

Good Friday, April 10 – 12 pm

A Reading of the Passion and Virtual Communion

Easter Sunday, April 12 – 10 am

Sermon – "Nothing Will Ever Look the Same"

Although Easter will indeed look different this year, we can rejoice because we know that nothing can extinguish the light of the Risen Christ or overshadow the joy of the Empty Tomb.

Yours in God's Grace,

Pastor Adrian