



Friday, May 8, 2020

Dear FPCP Family and Friends,

This week we received word that many of summer's annual events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. Sadly, Plymouth's 4th of July parade, Plymouth's Art in the Park, and even Ann Arbor's Art Fair have all been cancelled.

Clearly, our summer in many ways will be different than in years past. However, it is my hope that as we navigate all present and future changes, that we can firmly ground ourselves in the presence of God who never changes.

- Hebrews 13:8 declares, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."*
- James 1:17 describes God as, *"The Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."*
- Malachi 3:3 says, *"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed."*

We hold on firmly to God's unchanging nature while we boldly walk into a future that will be different.

As a church, we are working hard to navigate our changing circumstance and are learning to "do church" in new ways.

To that end, our church is establishing a COVID task force which will look at all the various areas of ministry in our church and will make recommendations on how each aspect of ministry might function in new ways to protect the health and well being of all our members.

This task force will report to the Session and month by month the Session will continue to make prayer-filled decisions regarding the form of future worship services and the timing of other special events.

I would ask for your prayers for both this COVID Task Force and for our Session.

I trust that God will use this time of change to deepen the faith of our church. One thing we have already learned from this virus, Christ's church is not a building, but it is a people growing in faith together.

May God bless us while we seek to navigate every change in life,
Emily