

April 3, 2020

Dear FPCP Family and Friends,

In his wonderful book simply entitled *Grace*, pastor and author Max Lucado writes:

**“Trust that God’s hold on you is more than your hold on God.”**

These words are a comfort to us as we try to make sense of our changing world.

Into the darkness of this time Holy Week arrives, providing us with an even deeper exploration of God’s saving and sustaining grace.

As we continue to practice the Governor’s guidelines to *Stay Home, Stay Safe*, this year’s Holy Week services will be unlike any other in our church’s history: **Our Palm Sunday service (April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am), Maundy Thursday Service (April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm), Good Friday Service (April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm), and Easter Sunday service on (April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am) will all be on-line. You can access these services at:**

[www.fpcp.net/resources/sermons](http://www.fpcp.net/resources/sermons).

*What you need to know ahead of time is that during our **Maundy Thursday service**, we are going to ask you to prepare your own communion elements in your homes. Please use whatever you have available for the bread and juice of the cup and together we will celebrate this communion meal in a very memorable way.*

For our **Good Friday Tenebrae service**, God has blessed us with technology that allows us to blend last years’ service with our present reality, which means we will be hearing from our wonderful Chancel Choir throughout this service, framed with an introduction addressing our present reality.

Finally, next Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> is **Easter Sunday**. Rather than putting on your Easter best and coming to church, stay in your pajamas and enjoy this service of celebration from the comfort and safety of your homes. If you watch this service to the very end, you too can join in with our Chancel Choir singing the Hallelujah Chorus.

Friends, during this time of isolation, we could all use a reason to celebrate and I do not think it is an accident that this year our Easter celebration comes at the point of our deep need. So please, check out all of our upcoming Holy Week services.

Please also remember that as a church, we are praying for you. If you have any specific prayer requests, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [emilycampbell@fpcp.net](mailto:emilycampbell@fpcp.net) or to our church office through [juliethompson@fpcp.net](mailto:juliethompson@fpcp.net). Thank you for continuing to remember the church in your prayers and in your giving. There are several ways of giving from home outlined at: <http://fpcp.net/give>.

Thank you for being a vital part of God’s sustaining grace at work in the world today through your prayers and generous care for others.

Wishing you the strength, peace, and comfort of Jesus Christ this Holy Week and always,

*Emily*