Members and Friends,

It is with sadness that I write to inform of the Session's decision to suspend in-person worship and all church related activities through the end of April. While the entire Session is saddened that we will not be together in person, given the warnings by leaders in government, health care, and contagious disease experts, we feel not meeting is the safest and most faithful decision. We will continue to worship together on-line on our YouTube channel. By Sunday we will have arranged a way for our members who are not online to phone in and listen to the service.

Please note that the office is closed and unless you are stocking the Little Food Pantry you should not be coming to the church. It is impossible for us to keep the church clean and sanitized if people “pop” in. I am checking the mail and if something needs attention, I will take care of it.

During last Sunday's online Worship, I shared the wonderful song by Avery & Marsh We Are the Church. I am sharing the words with you so they can become our prayer, our hope and our rallying cry.

Refrain:
I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we’re the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

Refrain

We’re many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

Refrain

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.

Refrain

And when the people gather, there's singing, and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

Refrain

While it would be wonderful to be together for in-person worship, during this time that is impossible BUT we are still the church. We are still a community of believers that worship in a new way but continue to do mission and ministry. In-person worship is suspended but being the church is not!

I encourage you to continue to reach out to one another and reach out to me if you need anything. I will be sending out emails and mailings suggesting ways that we can stay engaged with one another.
We will have a Maundy Thursday service on YouTube at 7:00 pm and we will celebrate communion in a new way on Easter Sunday. You can also join us on Monday evenings for Zoom Theology on Tap at 7:00. Tonight, we are discussing the movie okja, which is on Netflix, the log in credentials are below.

Know that I hold each of you in my thoughts during this difficult time. Know that I am here for you.

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_We are the church together!_
Dale