



CENTRE CHURCH

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God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
~Psalm 46:1-3

Dear friends,

Here I am, writing to you again so soon. Please know that we are doing our very best to keep you updated as we comply with our state and national policies for social distancing. Here is the latest: Centre Church and Tower Day School are now closed through Palm Sunday. The first day that Tower Day School may re-open at this time is April 7th. I suspect that order will also be extended, but we will have to wait patiently as this situation continues to develop. During this time, only a very limited number of people are allowed to access the building. This means that, regardless of whether you have keys, we ask you, please, to not enter the building for any reason without permission from either Chuck Cotting (339-440-1819) or me (603-930-1889). I am sure this feels harsh because, after all, this is our church home and we want to feel welcome here always. I'm sorry. But instead of being sad, we can be grateful that we have a facility that is being cared for and that we can return to in the future with confidence.

Now that we have shared the hard but necessary things, here are some joys to be shared. If you missed Sunday's worship video, you can view it here: <https://youtu.be/B2dJjQaoWJA> And while you're on our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5K0mI3mi8KLFddpMzfDmTg>, click the "subscribe" button so you don't miss any of our future videos. And on Sunday morning, Larainne met with 10 Centre Church children over Facebook chat. So, even while we are apart, we are worshipping together. In the coming days you will hear more from us about staying connected. What we know for sure is, we're all in this together and God is with us. Take advantage of all this time offers: a chance to slow down, family dinners, game night, outdoor activities, to name just a few. And while we're ramping up our virtual connections to one another, remember that picking up the phone and calling a friend, neighbor, or far away family member will lift spirits on both sides of the "telephone wire."

We recognize that the most significant impact of this pandemic for some is likely to be economic. If you are struggling or worried about that, please let us know. And as always, reach out to me or Larainne to pray with us, to share a concern, to ask for help or information, or just to hear a caring voice. We are here for you and we love you!

In the peace and love of Christ,

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