

April 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

This week I've been practicing a very simple form of prayer. Maybe you'd like to join me?

Sit quietly and consider Psalm 46:10. Slowly say these words:

Be still, and know that I am God.
Be still, and know that I am.
Be still, and know.
Be still.
Be.

Remain still, silent for two or three minutes. Be. You are in the presence of God who is present to you.

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

We have Connect Four Sundays quarterly. The "four" in Connect Four refers to God, adults, youth and children. The generations come together to worship God. If you'd like to be reminded how being with children and youth is a way to meet with God, check out our sermon from last fall on [The Discipline of Being with Children](#). Or reconsider Jesus' teaching in Mark 10:36, 37: "He took a little child and had him stand among [the disciples]. Taking him in his arms, he said to them. 'Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.'"

In a way, every Sunday online has been a Connect Four Sunday. But, this week, the youth and children will be prominent all the way through the service. Our youth pastor, Matt Bellefeuille will give the sermon.

For Zoom links, [please contact me](#).

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

Sunday School for grades 4-6 at 11:15 a.m.

For a link to 'send' your child to Sunday School (grades 4-6) on April 26 at 11:15 with Simon, please [contact our Pastor of Family Ministries](#).

If you haven't yet met Simon, please make it a priority to do so after the distancing is over. He has gifted the grades 4-6 Sunday School class with his time, humour and creative teaching methods every week online since before Easter. I heard through the grapevine there were online charades in Sunday School last week. And, two weeks ago, the class did some [Easter Story cartooning](#).

Please send in your prayer requests

This Sunday we will not be receiving prayer requests during the online service. However, you may [reach out with your requests](#).

Living in Limbo: Covid-19

Ours is an in-between space. Some call it a *liminal* space. Charles Taylor in *A Secular Age* talks about those times when people "find their earlier identity...in a sense obliterated." (48) Sound familiar? If you search, you'll find quite a bit written on "liminality": those times in life when people "pass a period on

the 'threshold', undergoing trials and ordeals, before they step into the new identity." (48) This is where we find ourselves – as individuals, as a society, and as a church – in the chaos, on the threshold. We will never be the same. Wait. Pray. Watch. Discern. These are humble postures as we endure and hold out for the new.

Since we're hearing from our brother, the apostle Peter, in our Sunday sermons these days, I'll let him have the last word (1 Peter 5:6-7): "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Hang in there. Please [be in touch](#) if you need extra support.

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)