

Siblings in Christ,



We approach Holy Week in an unprecedented time in our life. Some will say it will be difficult to worship God outside our sanctuary. Some say it will not “feel” like Palm Sunday or Easter morning because we cannot be together. Some say they do not want to celebrate his majestic entrance or his resurrection during this trying time of sheltering in place. It is true it will be different this year, yet God is always God and we can praise Him even in the storm!!

We will gather around the Lord’s Table this Sunday, the first Sunday of the month, AND on Maundy Thursday evening, as is our custom. Sheltering in place does not separate us from the Body of Christ and it is important to celebrate the Heavenly Feast. Since we are in our separate homes, **you will be providing your own bread substance and liquid**. These should be common to your household: white bread, wheat, bagel, etc. The blood of Christ can be represented by any liquid: juice, water, wine. Bring these to worship with you on Sunday morning AND again on Thursday evening as we gather in the Upper Room.

On Palm Sunday, we will wave palms, that we produce ourselves. Attached you will find a printed palm branch. **Print one or two palm branches** for each family member to wave during worship, color them if you desire.

On Maundy Thursday, we will gather at 7PM to remember the events of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper, **again remember to provide your own bread and liquid**. In addition, I encourage you to **light one or two candles and lower the lighting in your worship space to provide the ambiance of the Last Supper**.

While these are trying times financially, please continue to support our congregation with your financial contributions. We are continuing to maintain our staff and even though the heat is turned down in the building there are still expenses incurred during these days.

During this Pandemic it is important to think of our neighbors, as well as our own welfare. Since we cannot provide food items to the local food banks, I encourage you instead to send monetary donations. The two food banks in Carnegie are providing food on limited schedules. **Please be sure to mark on your donation “Food Pantry”**.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Food Pantry**

330 Third Avenue  
Carnegie, PA 15106

**Salvation Army Food Pantry**

225 W. Main Street  
Carnegie, PA 15106

The One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering will be postponed until a later date, once we return to our sanctuary.

Know that I am praying for each of you: for God’s protective hand to surround you, His arms to uphold you, His Peace to overflow in your soul.

Serving Jesus with you

*Colleen*

Rev. Dr. Colleen Molinaro

*“I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you.”  
~ Philippians 1:3-4*

## ZOOM INFORMATION FOR ALL GATHERINGS

In the past I have offered you a different connection link and phone number for Sunday morning, Wednesday prayer service, Bible Study, committee meetings and youth group. That has created confusion, my apologies. **As of Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will use the following contact information for every event held by our congregation.**

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

#### **Connect by Phone, Computer or Smart Device.**

**Everything you need to join Sunday worship is listed below.  
All the numbers remain the same from week to week.  
Cut out and keep them handy!**

#### **PHONE CALL**

Call: **1-312-626-6799**

Enter access code **634 764 368** with a #, and then another #  
You will be able to hear the worship service.

#### **COMPUTER** *(with or without a camera)*

Enter link: **<https://zoom.us/j/634764368>**

It will take you to Zoom

*Works best on Chrome, join with computer audio if you desire.*

*You may need to unlock video at the pop-up bar, bottom of the screen.*

#### **SMART DEVICE** *(smartphone, tablets, etc.)*

Download the App – **Zoom Meeting App**

You will enter this meeting ID **634 764 368**