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Brothers and Sisters

I pray that you are all well and safe within your own homes. For those of you who continue to work away from home, we give you thanks for your part of the infrastructure which must continue to provide safety and comfort to those who are unable to venture from our homes. May God continue to provide in these difficult times.

Today I write to inform you of our plan to worship together – virtually – each from our place of residence. This is an opportunity for us to gather together spiritually, even as we are unable to be physically together. This time will be important to our family of faith as I know some of you miss your brothers and sisters. I know that this form of worship is not optimal and for some so foreign that you will choose to not worship. But I would encourage you to participate even if you do not have a computer, it will be as easy as making a phone call!

Let me explain how we will worship together. We will be using a format called Zoom. This service permits me to provide a visual image for those who have a computer BUT also provides the audio for those who do not have a computer. Zoom permits all of us to, at least, hear the worship service. The visual images will be our PowerPoint slides as is our custom during our worship services.

Enclosed you will find your bulletin for the service, so you can participate. While I will encourage you, during worship, to join in the unison confession of faith and Lord's prayer – your voice will not be heard through Zoom. Only one of us can speak at a time or it garbles the words. But we know that each of us are joining in and we will be able to feel the presence of our community even in the absence of each other physically.

Below you will find the information that you will use for video (computer sign on) or audio (phone number and access code) for THIS Sunday morning ONLY, March 22. If you would like an opportunity to try this out before 10:30 on Sunday morning, call me and I will make arrangements to test your joining capability before Sunday morning.

**Music will start at 10:15, so you may connect before 10:30 to make sure that you are connected.**

## SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION

### **PHONE CALL**

If you are going to join by phone call **1-312-626-6799**

enter access code **398 357 448** with a **#**, and then another **#** (*you do not have a participant number*).

You will be able to hear the worship service.

*more information on back of letter* 

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

**Clink on this link** <https://zoom.us/j/398357448>

It will take you to Zoom, your computer may take an extra moment to load the first time. It works best on Chrome. Join with computer audio if you desire. You may need to unlock video at the pop-up bar at the bottom of your screen.

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

You may download the App – **Zoom Meeting App** – to participate from your smart device. You will need this meeting ID **398 357 448**

**ONE MORE NOTE:**

Your financial giving. Please continue to contribute, as you are able. The expenses of the congregation continue to be paid while we are not together. There are **FIVE** ways to contribute.

1. **Mail** your contribution; the mail is being collected every day.
2. Contribute electronically through your own **bank**: this could be a recurring payment which would then be automatic.
3. Go to our church website. On the front page there is a button **DONATE NOW**
4. Download the **Give+ app** to your smart device to give electronically. This can also be a recurring payment.

There are many more ways to support the ministry of this congregation in addition to the offering plate. Take advantage of these different options today.

I look forward to being with you in worship on Sunday. I miss seeing your smiling faces.

Serving Jesus with you

*Colleen*

Rev. Dr. Colleen Molinaro