

Christ Church Response to COVID-19

Dear Friends in Christ,

The leadership at Christ Church has prayerfully decided to **suspend public worship for a period of two weeks (three Sundays) in response to the spread of COVID-19, beginning this Sunday, March 15.** Within the past two days both Oberlin College and Kendal have taken decisive steps to keep their communities safe and we are going to do the same.

Just yesterday, while walking the dog, I was visiting with two neighbors and one insisted that we were quite safe from the virus in Ohio. I pray that she is right, but I don't think we know whether or not we are safe. We don't know how many are infected, but have not yet been tested. We must be mindful of the significant risk of that unknown.

Bishop Hollingsworth has given the clergy and leadership of individual parishes to make this decision. Trinity Cathedral will be live streaming their Sunday worship and it can be accessed on their website, www.trinitycleveland.org.

We know that God is present with us at all times—and especially in times of uncertainty. I have often urged parishioners to slow down during Lent and avoid busyness as much as possible. Please continue your prayers for all who are impacted by this pandemic—the frightened, the afflicted, the dying, the departed and the bereaved.

You can always reach me by email or on my cell phone. I plan to be in the office some of the time, and am happy to meet with parishioners, observing appropriate health precautions. However, we will not be keeping regular office hours. Please let me know of any pastoral concerns.

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