



March 13, 2020

Circle of Mercy Friends,

With the careful considerations of the church council, we are cancelling our worship services for the next two weeks. We are joining other faith communities who are exercising care and caution in this time of the coronavirus. We are practicing our concerns for public and personal safety as well as communal responsibility.

We will be discovering new and creative ways of being community together. We will stay in prayer for one another. Most especially we will be in prayer for our most vulnerable ones among us. We will pray for our anxious kids, our puzzled youth, our tired parents, our lonely ones, our vulnerable elders, and our front-line workers in health and human services. We will seek ways to stay connected. We will look for possibilities to ease the burdens of the most effected people in our local area.

We are on the Lenten journey, walking this way in the desert of the unfamiliar. We walk with God. With divine accompaniment, we seek ways to accompany one another. This journey is an opportunity to remember how deeply connected we are to each other and to our world-wide community. The illusion of our separateness has been lifted. We can see clearly our human fragility and our common hope. May these interruptions in our normal routines open us to a renewed commitment to our work for the common good.

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear...  
God is with us.*

Peace and mercies,  
Nancy and Missy and the COM Church Council

Current COM Church Council Members: Brian Ammons, Troy Colon, Meredith Doster, Karma Kaufman, Kaki Roberts, Pam Schoon and Larry Wilson