



Letter #6 >> April 9, 2020

Dear followers of the crucified Savior and risen Victor over death,

We'd like to remind you that our **Good Friday service** begins on channel 77 and online **tomorrow** (April 10) at **7:00pm**. We will hear afresh the seven things Jesus says from the cross. What Jesus spoke 2,000 years ago still speaks to us and our circumstances today.

**Resurrection Sunday** begins with KSOU 93.9 playing two worship songs at 8:30am. The idea is for us all to park our cars in our driveways, open the windows, turn up the volume, and let hope-filled music echo through our neighborhoods.

Our Easter **morning service** retells and celebrates the part of The Story of the empty tomb and Jesus' victory over death. We'll include in our morning broadcast some of the songs we sang together as a congregation last year in a full worship center with the beautiful sound of numerous instruments. In the **evening service**, we'll profess our faith in word and song and also listen to an archived message on hope based on Hebrews 4.

As we continue making our way through this unusual and stressful time, sad that we cannot gather to celebrate the greatest day of the church calendar, we remind you that in some ways **Easter this year will be more like the very first Easter Sunday** than how we typically celebrate it. John's Gospel reports that on the first Easter, the disciples stayed at home behind locked doors, knowing it was dangerous for them to go out. They were afraid. They needed confirmation that life had really won out over death. They desperately needed to hear Jesus' words to them that day: "Peace be with you" (see John 20:19-23). Those are Jesus' words to us this Lent and Easter season, too.

Like the disciples, we too will eventually leave our homes, end our quarantines, and move past social distancing. And, just like 2,000 years ago, the Holy Spirit of the risen Jesus will send us out – as He is doing already now – to celebrate and spread the Gospel message of the cross and resurrection, the Good News that the grace of God is the most powerful force on earth.

Shalom,

Trinity CRC Executive Team and Staff