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Wisdom has built her house...she has also set her table Proverbs 9:1a, 2b

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In light of the recent spread of the COVID-19 virus to the United States, the PLT met to discuss ways to keep our community safe during this time. We recognize that the love of Christ is expressed in many ways, and we want to offer options that take into account the particular spirit of our community alongside the recommended heightened awareness of this virus. As such, we propose a variety of protective changes for the passing of the peace and communion in the coming weeks. These will also be announced at services.



We urge you to pass the peace in a way that is comfortable for you. Rather than engaging in the characteristic handshake or hug, this can involve placing your hand over your heart, or placing hands to heart center and bowing to one another. We gently ask that if someone approaches you with either of these gestures, please respect them by mirroring their body language. Subscribe

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## **Round Table and Fellowship Time**

We will not gather and socialize together following worhsip until further notice. If possible the planned programs will be rescheduled when we resume our regular schedule.

## If you feel the need to avoid crowds remember:

We will continue our commitment to livestream our services through Facebook, so if you feel more comfortable not attending church, you will be able to participate online.

We are continuing to engage in ongoing discernment around this issue and will reevaluate in light of CDC updates and other information. Please join us in prayer both for all of those affected by the virus as well as against the racism that has arisen toward people of Asian descent. We, as always, are an inclusive community and we welcome all people. We hope that our protective measures will be seen in this light. We are a community that endeavors to spread the love of Christ in ways that are attentive to the issues of this day and hour.

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## Communion during this time!

Regarding communion, hand sanitizer will be available before you receive communion. There will be a dispenser on each side as you approach the chancel. You are urged to sanitize your hands before receiving the bread. The presiders will also be sanitizing their hands directly before touching the bread. The common cup will be replaced with the individual communion cups that will be held by one of the Eucharistic ministers. You will still receive the bread or the gluten-free wafer from a Eucharistic minister and will drink the juice from the individual cup rather than intinct the bread or wafer.

Should you choose not to partake of the communion elements, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. The signal to receive a blessing will be crossing your hands over your heart.