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Dear First Church,

Have you ever felt like you just couldn't take anymore? Me, too. Sometimes it seems just when we feel a sense of normalcy in these unprecedented times, something else happens to knock us off balance.

“...everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
~John 13:34-35

Whether it is the national, social and political uproar we are experiencing at so many levels, or our surprise financial struggles, or news about our health, or even the disagreement/argument we had recently with a friend with whom we never thought we would ever have a cross word -- life tends to sneak up and trip us, doesn't it? As we continue our “Covid-19 Normal,” please remember that God is with us. And in the midst of the surprise, the sadness and the unexpected tripping, we have been created to love other people as God loves us. I encourage you to continue loving by reaching out to those who are different than you...allow God to speak through your actions! Jesus conquers all!

Here's your weekly update...

1. In a few days, **Church Council members will receive an emailed document to review before our first ZOOM meeting next week at 6:30pm.** These meetings will establish a practical policy for re-opening the facilities for public worship. So far, we have two scheduled on June 16 and June 23 (Tuesdays). More may be needed. These meetings will assist us in preparing for the process, so that whenever it is safe to open, we will be ready.
2. Thank you so much for **forwarding our worship videos!** Between Facebook and YouTube, we have more than 500 views a week. If you consider that more than one person watches at each “view”, that adds up to a whole lot of souls hearing the Good News! Make sure you like us on FB and keep forwarding our worship videos like crazy 😊
3. **We need you** to update us on any pressing needs in our congregation. Please be sure to contact me or Pastor Wes at any time if you or someone you know has a need to connect. We are doing our best to stay in touch with as many as possible, but sometimes need to hear from YOU about the needs of others that may not have yet reached our ears.
4. I hope your circumstances will enable you to continue your usual contributions. If they have changed, let us know...**your church family can help.** Conversely, if you find you are able to make an additional gift beyond your normal amount that would be wonderful! Please know that your donation, no matter its size, is deeply appreciated and empowers us to carry out our church's ability to make a difference in people's lives. Together, we can support each other through this difficult time. Together, we can answer God's call to mission and ministry. Together, we can be spiritually united even when physically apart.

I love you,
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