

Greetings from Pastor Paul and Shepherd of the Valley. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we have received [official notification from the Health Officer of the County of Riverside](#), that all gatherings of at least 10 people between March 16 and April 30 have been prohibited. For us, unfortunately, this means that our soup suppers, bible studies, and worship services will be stopped during this period of time. However, I will still be recording sermons and making these available on our website, and I or an elder will be available for private communion. Also you may feel free to come by the church and receive communion.

During this time, the office staff will still be available and will continue to monitor phones and email, so if you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact the office or your elder. Please remember that your giving to our church will help us keep the business of the church going. To that end I encourage you to continue giving your offerings. You can do this by mailing in or bringing your envelopes to the office. The Give Plus option is also available if you would like to give online and we would be happy to help with setting that up.

We are keeping a close eye on things as they develop and will post updates as they become available.

We know this is upsetting news in a difficult time and our prayers go out to our community, yet I encourage you to take heart and remember the grace that is ours in Christ. Hear the words of the Psalmist "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way." And of St Paul "We are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

May you find comfort and peace in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Pastor Paul Yearyean