March 17, 2020

Dear St. Paul's Community,

The clergy and staff of the Cathedral have been in deep discussion about how to move forward during this public health crisis, "be church," and care for each other and people in our community.

While we as a faith community are not shutting down, all regularly scheduled worship services, meetings, and gatherings are cancelled until further notice. This will probably be at least eight weeks, per the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This includes the following previously scheduled events:

- Morning Prayer
- Thursday Eucharist
- Stations of the Cross
- Dismantling Racism Event
- VIA Forum
- Sunday Worship Services
- Christian Formation
- All Choir Rehearsals

The building will also not be open.

During this time, it will be of extreme importance that we do everything in our power to create community and relationship with each other, even when we don't see each other every Sunday. In the next week, clergy and a pastoral care team will be reaching out to every household in the parish by phone. During these calls, please let us know how we can support you during this time, whatever that may be. Our Interim Dean and Rector is available for pastoral care emergencies. In the event of a pastoral care emergency, please call Laura's direct line at 802-860-0480. She will be able to access her voicemail remotely, so you can leave a message if you call after hours.

Finally, we will be providing more information in the coming days about online worship and prayer as plans materialize. We see these difficult decisions as the path that best helps us take care of each other and our community. Please stay in relationship with us and each other, and by all means take care of yourself. We thank you for your support and understanding as we travel this road together.

Peace be with you.

Faithfully,

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul Clergy and Staff