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Dear family,

As you already know, we are living in some unprecedented times. The global pandemic of Coronavirus or COVID-19 has affected our lives in major ways. The President has declared that we are in a national emergency and the Governor of Indiana has asked that social gatherings of 250 persons or more be either cancelled or postponed.

As a congregation we fall below the threshold of 250 persons therefore we will have worship service on Sunday to come before our God and follow the instructions that 2 Chronicles 7:14 advises *“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

We will practice good social distancing practices in our gathering as much as possible. To communicate what that looks like we have some of the most conscientious nurses in the region as members of our congregation. They have prepared some helpful hints information sheets to navigate safely our interactions with one another and they are available for questions.

We are asking that we NOT shake hands but either elbow bump our greeting or just acknowledging each other through verbal affirmations or crossing our hands over our chest as a sign of love and affection. Those with immune system deficiencies or flu-like symptoms please remain home for your health and the health of others. For those in the aforementioned category we encourage you to join us for worship on-line through our Website Tuccgary.org or go directly to YouTube and type in Tuccgary.org

We will also adjust how we move through our liturgy in worship like the “passing of the peace,” and “offering.” We ask for your patience and encouragement.

Please remember that you can also give your offering either through our website Tuccgary.org or you can download our app Trinity United Church of Christ. Please don't neglect the giving during this season of struggle.

We serve a God who is still in control. Yes we must act responsibly and be mindful of our health and the health of others, but let us do both honorably and with Holy intention.

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