



*Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!*

*Psalm 27:14*

Dear Church of Our Redeemer Family,

Happy Easter! Christ is risen indeed! We hope this communication finds you well during this unusual season during which we have been asked to stay at home and fast from in-person worship. We are grateful to all who have tirelessly worked to keep us worshipping together virtually through Zoom. We are also thankful for those who continue to give generously of their time, talents, and treasure, so that we can live out the vision and mission of the Church of Our Redeemer.

The Vestry continues to meet monthly and more often, if necessary. The Class of 2020 Vestry members (Steve Cochran, Irene LaBranche, Nick Trzcinski) are serving an extended "tour of duty" until new elections can be held at the annual meeting. COR's annual meeting, previously planned for mid-March, will be rescheduled when we are once again able to meet in-person.

Our search for a priest-in-charge has been decelerated by uncertainties due to the pandemic. The Search Committee continues to develop our church's portfolio (to be placed on the national search website), but completion of it hinges on the decision to seek either a part-time or full-time priest, dependent on our financial health after we have weathered this crisis. We are so thankful for the gift of permanent pulpit-supply while we wait. We ask you to join with us to remain prayerful and attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit and watchful for the one whom God is sending to us.

It is expected that we will not soon return to in-person worship even after the stay-at-home order has been lifted. The Diocese of Virginia, in conjunction with other mid-Atlantic dioceses, is developing a vision and plan for a phased re-entry into our in-person public life as a Church. We look forward to sharing that information with you when it becomes available.

We are grateful to God for his many blessings to Church of Our Redeemer. Mother Georgia continues to lovingly shepherd us through this Covid wilderness, and Laura Harrigan faithfully administrates COR's day-to-day operations from her home. Both of their jobs have become exponentially more difficult under the present circumstances, and we are thankful for their sacrificial service to us. We are also grateful for each and every one of the COR family, for your prayers, your care for each other, and your ministry to those in our greater community.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with your questions, concerns, and ideas. We will continue to give periodic updates, and we look forward to the time when we will once again be together, in person, in our church building.

In Christ,

*The Church of Our Redeemer Vestry*