To Our Community in Oyster Bay;

At the risk of repeating something you may have already heard - these are unprecedented times. What should that mean for how we view - and do - church? Your Session offers the following.

Our *first priority* is to do what we can to limit the spread of the disease, stay healthy, and place the needs of our community before our own. This means suspending certain activities at church, and moving others online. Our *second priority* is to continue to offer ministry and Christian witness as we are able. Here is how we seek to be faithful in this tension.

To meet these priorities, we have “**moved online.**” We use the Zoom platform for **worship** and other gatherings. We have taken every precaution we can to make certain these times together online are safe and secure. We encourage everyone to join us, and - to familiarize yourself with the Zoom platform. We do not post the **meeting links** publicly, but will be glad to share them with you if you call the church office, or send us an email. Weekly worship **bulletins** and copies of our **hymns** are available to download from our web site (the button on the other side from this button you clicked to read this sheet…). We also live stream on Facebook (when the bandwidth permits).

We are exploring what we can do to help our older or at risk members, as well as others in the community. This may included shopping, providing assistance with online services, and such. If you can offer such help, please let me know. We have begun to build a “Covid Assistance Team.” Even dog lovers can be a “CAT…”

If you do not receive our **weekly emails** (which are now pretty much daily - just to be transparent about things…), please sign up to do so on our web site. This has always been the second best way to keep up with what is going on (the best way, of course, is actually being here, but…).

These are exceptional times, but we are an exceptional people with an exceptional God. May this same God bless and keep you all in the warmth of his embrace, even as we long for the warmth of a fellowship currently on hold.

Grace and peace - Jeff