

A Letter from Pastor Karyn
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The weather is strange around here right now. This week we've had rainy days and beautiful days and now the forecast tells us there's the potential of snow on Saturday – in May. That's just weird. But today was a glorious day. Cindy and I had a long, lovely walk this afternoon. It was beautiful. The blooming flowers and the singing birds made me smile. Kids were playing outside giggling together about something they were doing. A caravan of adults and kids did a drive by birthday parade with signs and balloons for a neighbor kid as we were coming back. It seemed so normal. And then reality hit when we came back into our house where we spend way too many hours. We're still on "stay-at-home" orders from the state but it's hard to stay put when it is so beautiful out there.

It's a weird juxtaposition we're living in. There is a deadly pandemic impacting the world around us but some days it feels like a normal Spring day. Then you put on your mask to go to the store and you remember what's happening. Some places around the country are opening back up and we desperately want to see loved ones and get back to "normal" but it's not quite time for us. This is the time when we can easily get complacent. But we have to stay vigilant for now and into the foreseeable future.

The world can feel upside down at times – weather, illness, travel, worship, and so much more are not what we're used to. But even in upside down times, we can trust that as a community of faith, we will get through this together. We are not alone on this rollercoaster – we have each other and God is with us.

I trust this. But it still feels weird at times. Living in the upside down is a new normal in many ways but it's still very uncertain. In the midst of this, let's continue to love one another, support each other, and work to make whatever this "new normal" is as kind and loving as it can be.

Grace and Peace –

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