A Message from Pr. Rachael
How is it with your spirit? For most of us the answer to this question varies minute to minute. One minute we might be overwhelmed with the world situation and the next minute we might be finding joy in the arrival of spring. Try not to pass judgment on yourself for what you may or may not be feeling. Don't worry if you are feeling more tired than usual because we are all under unprecedented stress. And don't push yourself to "do more" since you are home more. Above all, try to be patient with yourself and those around you. None of us knows how to deal with pandemic.

It's Holy Week and you may not be "feeling it" and that's okay, too. This year we journey through this sacred week very differently than we have in years past. We have no gatherings with family or friends to look forward to. The Easter Bunny is probably sheltering in place as well so many children may be disappointed, too. We cannot pretend everything is even remotely normal. The services we offer this week may help provide structure and community during this week.
Tonight's service is one of Reconciliation and Release. The focus is on communal confession and forgiveness. It is an opportunity to recognize where we may have fallen short of God's hopes for us, and receive the love and forgiveness God offers all of us. Then on Thursday we will remember how Jesus washed his disciples' feet to show them how to love for one another. We will also celebrate the Last Supper by sharing communion together. This service ends in silence in anticipation of Good Friday. Friday's service will conclude with a modified Tenebrae service as we remember the bleak emptiness that occurred when Jesus was crucified. This service will also end in silence.

Silences can help us center and reflect on where we find God moving in our lives and in our world. Look for the promise of new life even as we move through this Holy Week. Take care of your spirits as well as your bodies.

**Calendar**

All Living Table events are Virtual, see the website for information. Rental groups are meeting at their own discretion but many to most are cancelling.

**Tuesday:**
7 pm Service of Reconciliation and Release

**Wednesday:**
5 pm Centering Prayer Group
6 pm GA Meeting (Rental)

**Thursday:**
6 pm shOUT Choir (Rental)
7 pm Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday:**
7 pm Good Friday Service

**Saturday:**
8 am Morning Bible Study Group reading Luke

**Sunday:**
10:30 am Worship

**Monday:**
3:30 pm Spanish Class (External Group)

View the full calendar in the Calendar tab on our website:

**This Week on Zoom**

Centering Prayer [https://zoom.us/j/503945880](https://zoom.us/j/503945880)
Morning Bible Study [https://zoom.us/j/933079309](https://zoom.us/j/933079309)
Worship 10:30 am  [https://zoom.us/j/284800825]
Kinship 11:30 am or immediately after worship

**Holy Week Services**

April 7: Tuesday, Reconciliation & Release, 7 pm  
[https://zoom.us/j/261902122]
April 9: Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7 pm  
[https://zoom.us/j/951143540]
April 10: Good Friday 7 pm  
[https://zoom.us/j/380111410]

**Service of Reconciliation and Release Bulletin**
Bulletin in Word format: Download
Bulletin in PDF format: Download

**Holy Week Coloring Sheet**
Here is the Holy Week Coloring Book from Chalice press Pr Rachael spoke about on Sunday. We purchased the right to reproduce it so you can share it with those who enjoy coloring.

Click the image below to download.

![Holy Week Coloring Sheet](image)

**Readers Needed**
Readers are needed for both Thursday's and Friday's service. We only need
a few for Thursday and up to 12 for Friday. Hope Lutheran folx may also volunteer. If you are able to read for either service, please email Pr. Rachael.

**Calling in to Zoom**
For those of you who may need to connect to Zoom via phone, here are the numbers to call: 1-929-436-2866 or 1-312-626-6799. The meeting ID is the same as the numbers in the Zoom link. For example the meeting ID for Sunday morning Worship is 284 800 825 followed by #. Then follow the directions to enter the meeting.

**No Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

**No Sunday School on Easter**
Sunday School is not meeting on Easter. After Easter you are invited to share anything you find inspiring, hopeful, or healing. It could be a short article, a video clip, an image, a meme, a poem, or something else. Please send anything you want to share to Pr Rachael by Wednesday evening so they can be included in Thursday's Table Talk.

**Notes for Easter Worship**
For Easter Sunday, please wear an Easter bonnet of your choice. You can decorate any hat to be a festive bonnet. Let's show our Easter spirit as we gather via Zoom on Sunday. Also, if dressing up is part of your Easter tradition, please do so even though we won't be leaving our homes. It might help with creating a sense of celebration this year.

Don't forget to make your hand of gratitude cutout. Simply cut out an outline of your hand and write a gratitude on each digit and the palm. Decorate and bring them to worship on Sunday. Pr. Laura Beth will be inviting us all to share our gratitudes.

**Community Donations**
Several folx have asked about donating funds to members and friends of Living Table who may be in need of financial support at this time. We will be talking about creating a fund that can provide loans or gifts to people as needed. Watch for more information both to donate to and use this fund.

**Information about Automatic Deductions**
Now that we can’t pass the plate, people are learning other ways to donate to Living Table and its causes. The way that we’ve used for a long time is to have our payment services company, Vanco, deduct money from your checking account on a regular basis so that you don’t have to think about it. You can still do it that way by sending Ann 1) a voided check, 2) how much you want to donate, and 3) at what intervals. Those can be sent directly or to the church.

Another way to donate is to use the Donate Now button on the church
website (scroll down to the large photo. The button is just above that; it's also at the bottom of Table Talk). The site you go to has two sections. The left side of the page enables you to donate via credit card, checking account, or savings account. (Please note that using a credit card costs us a fee out of your donation.) You can designate that money to general operating, the UCC special offering, the Sheridan project, or the food shelf.

The right side of the page enables you to set up an account with a password so that you don’t have to put payment information in each time you use it. In both methods, you can designate a one-time gift or a continuing gift. Note that Vanco will send you a receipt from the church for your donation. However, we also track your gift, which shows up on your yearly statement. Be careful not to claim it twice on your taxes.

Interested in Donating to the Church?

Donate Now

New to Zoom?
If you have not used Zoom yet, these directions are for you:

Before our meeting, please go to the Zoom test site to make sure your system is ready to go. It will check your camera and your audio, and it will prompt you to download the necessary app. After you go through the quick test site setup, you can just follow the links on our website to join any future Zoom gathering for Living Table. Don't forget to use headphones or earbuds, and to stay on mute except when you are talking. This test site is at https://zoom.us/test. Lastly, there is a YouTube playlist where recorded services can be found. Our "Zoom Church" services are much more interactive than what recordings capture, but still they are shared for anyone to see. We look forward to seeing you at 10:30 Central Time on Sunday, and:

Veterans of Zoom
If you HAVE used Zoom now, these directions are for you:

First, congratulations for figuring this out! Now that you've done this, you're all set to join any future Zoom gatherings for Living Table. The direct links to join are on our website. Please try to do the following: Use earbuds or headphones if at all possible. This reduces echo. Also, set your camera to be at eye level - by either raising your table, lowering your chair, setting your laptop on some books, or whatever makes sense so that we can see one another eye to eye (rather than eye to nostril). Lastly, there is a YouTube playlist where recorded services can be found. Our "Zoom Church" services are much more interactive than what recordings capture,
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Living Table is a compassionate community drawn together in Christ to embody love, seek justice, and invite healing.