

Dear Bethany Family,

We are writing to you with an update on our church's response to COVID-19. Below, you'll find some instructions on the "what" of our plans to navigate the waters of this public health crisis, responsibly as God's people. The "why" of our extraordinary steps matters just as much. Our calling has always been to make God's good reign visible, and we do that by "working for the good of the city in which God has placed us," as we're told in Jeremiah 29. At this moment, we're in an epicenter of a global virus outbreak of uncertain gravity. As our Psalms series teaches, seasons of disorder are a chance for us to learn, grow, and shine as light, as we serve families, the most vulnerable, our city, and our world. May hope triumph over fear as we walk this path together." - In Christ, Richard Dahlstrom, Senior Pastor

On March 4, 2020, the King County Public Health Department issued a statement recommending "if you can feasibly avoid bringing large groups of people together, consider postponing events and gatherings." We are honoring that recommendation to help reduce the possible spread of COVID-19. Therefore, Bethany is LIVE STREAMING a special worship service at 9:30am and CANCELLING all on-site worship services at all six locations this Sunday, March 8.

We invite you, your family, and friends to worship with us Online. Online services will be offered at 9:30 am, 11 am, and 7 pm. Though we will not be worshipping together in person, we will be joining together to worship Christ in Spirit and Truth—all across the city and world.

Moving forward, and by God's leading, our decisions will continue to be guided by information from the [Washington State Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, King County Public Health](#), and local schools. We place a high value on gathering together and will continually assess the wisdom of physically meeting together and update you regularly. For specific ministry updates, please check your location's website and social media.

Bethany is committed to inviting people to God, Community, and Wholeness, increasing our faith in Christ, and operating out of trust instead of fear. We want everyone in our Bethany family to find their refuge in God (Psalm 73:28). We understand that you may have concerns about yourself, your neighbors, or even the unknown. If you would like to talk with someone or request prayer, please reach out to your ministry leader, email staff@churchbcc.org, or call (206)524-9000.

Pastor Kendy Easley offers this [two-minute video](#) to encourage us in both precaution and prayer.

May we continue to join together—as a church family—finding our hope, strength, peace, and unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Bethany Community Church Leadership