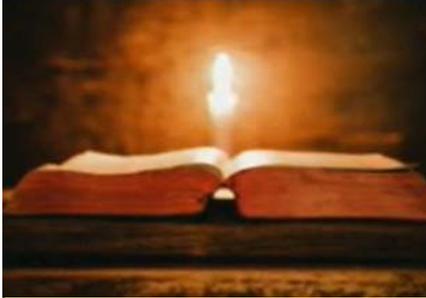


# Vistoso Community Church Update: April 10, 2020



## IN YOUR LIGHT, WE SEE LIGHT

Psalm 36:9

### Livestream Schedule

**Sunday:** Livestream Worship service at 10:00 am followed by 10 minutes of music, then Pastor Kevin will have 15 minutes of Q&A with e-mail questions: [pastorkr@icloud.com](mailto:pastorkr@icloud.com)

**Monday-Friday:** Livestream Bible Study, 10:00 am. The broadcast begins with music at 9:50 am.

### Office Hours

The Church is open during normal office hours:

Tuesday-Thursday from 10 am-2 pm.

Friday from 10 am-12 noon.

### Weekly Publications

Prayer list—Thursday  
Update newsletter—Friday

For those with an e-mail address in the Church directory, these publications will be e-mailed to you. For those without e-mail, the publications will be available at the Church.

### Also Available

Audio discs are available at the church for each of the Bible Studies and the Sunday service for those who do not have computers.



## PREPARING FOR COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY

Deacons Warren Witler and Bill Studt got (not too close) together last week to prepare communion packets for those who cared to pick them up at the Church. Members of the congregation were also given the option of preparing elements with materials they have at home. Pastor Kevin explained: "What is central to communion is an accurate content of remembrance and not the exact nature of the elements we use to prompt our thinking."

We will celebrate our first virtual communion during our Easter livestream service this Sunday. In last week's update, Pastor Kevin reminded us that by celebrating communion, even remotely, "we will share the same thinking in regard to the person and work of Jesus Christ even though we are physically unable to gather."

**The Easter service will be livestreamed at 10:00 am this Sunday, April 12.**

## THE (VIRTUAL) CHURCH IS STILL FULL

Our congregation has rejoiced since November to meet on Sundays in a sanctuary filled to overflowing with people who love the Lord. Even though we cannot meet together now, our Palm Sunday service was beamed to an even larger congregation. We had more than 340 network locations (which could host multiple devices) with us for the livestream at 10:00 am and 40 plus more participated in the recorded service during the day. God's word is going out!



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Of course, we are not going to be able to collect this month's Benevolent Offering as usual. Nonetheless, the Deacons have decided that whatever does come in, via mail or making use of the box in the Fellowship Hall, will in its entirety go to provide food for those in need in our local communities. In particular, we have the opportunity to partner with a local restaurant that has a ministry of providing a hot meal to those who are shut-in and otherwise cannot afford it.

On behalf of the Deacons, thank-you for supporting those in need in our community.



## PEACE BE WITH YOU

The eleven believing disciples were a pretty glum group come Easter morning. Their teacher of the past three years, someone whom they had never once observed to sin in word or deed had been arrested and, in short order, executed in a way reserved for the worst of criminals. Furthermore, as associates of Jesus, they were now in fear for their own lives:

***On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews. . .***

John 20:19

Imagine them for a moment—hidden and afraid. Do you suppose they were quietly talking, or just sitting silently lost in their own sorrow? But here is the rest of Verse 19:

**Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”**

There you have it, and I submit to you that is all we need right now. There are plenty of good reasons for us to be glum—perhaps even to spend some time hunkered down in our own homes lost in our own fears. But do not forget, the resurrected Jesus has come and said:

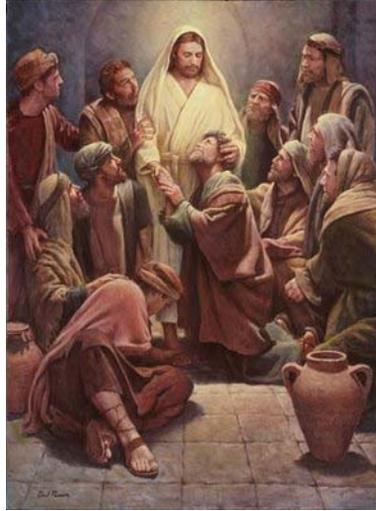
***“Peace be with you!”***

This peace is our reconciliation to our heavenly Father. You see, that is what reconciliation is!

We were enemies of God by virtue of sin, but then Christ’s work on the cross changed everything for those who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior who died for our sins and rose again. And, having believed, not only are we clothed with the very righteousness of Christ, not only do we receive eternal life, but we have:

***. . . peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. . .*** Romans 5:1

You see:



**Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation. . .**

Colossians 1:21-22

So we do indeed have a variety of reasons to be glum, but we have far more reason to rejoice because of the so-great salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ!

For our Savior is risen from the dead and He has pronounced peace with God for all who believe. Once you are on good terms with God, holy in His sight and free from accusation, you have everything you need! As you can see, it is not because you feel a certain way, or act a certain way, it is your precious possession upon the authority of God’s Word. And all God’s people said, “Amen!”

A blessed Easter to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin".

Kevin

## VCC’S EASTER OFFERING IN SUPPORT OF MISSIONS

Our Easter offering for Missions continues until next Sunday, April 19. You can support our outreach to missionaries and mission enterprises by sending a check to the church or putting your check in the offering box by the hall door. If you designate your donation to *Missions*, our Missions Committee directs the funds to the areas of most need. You can also designate to be your recipients one or more of the missionaries or mission enterprises that VCC regularly supports.

If you are making a single designation, you can write it in the memo line of your check. But, if you are designating your funds to more than one entity, please attach a note explaining the breakdown of your donation.



**The Missions Committee thanks you for your ongoing support of missions!**