

VIDEO #2 TO THE CONGREGATION. 3-23-20

Today, I stepped out on the step to retrieve our newspaper and thought, “what a beautiful day”, anticipating what a nice spring day would bring. Then, the disappointing thought came, “Oh, we are shut down from the virus.”

It really is affecting everything we do or in many cases don't do.

One pleasant change for Ronda is that I'm heeding the call to support the local businesses and feeling it is my duty to eat lots of carryout these days, which minimizes her need to cook. Just doing my part.

I'm sending this brief video to say thank you for the warm response to our first attempt at videotaping our service. So many of you sent words of appreciation and commended us. Being new to this, it is really appreciated. It took Vince many hours into the middle of the night to make it happen, so he deserves much of the credit. Hopefully we can land on a more efficient system.

I'm hearing that many of you are talking to your circle of friends, neighbors, and co-workers, inviting them to watch the video. What a great idea! Tell them your pastor has a word of encouragement and give them the details which are simple...go to youtube, type in “Helena Alliance Church” and subscribe (free).

Tonight we will do our first Governing Board meeting by internet, another new experience. And then we'll do the same tomorrow for our Pastors' Growth Group of the area Alliance Pastors.

David said in the Psalms...“lead me to the rock that is higher than I”. No matter how people are handling the crisis, we all need more than just ourselves to lean on and trust in. We need more than ourselves. The old hymn says, “On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”. If your foundation seems shaky, then go to the Rock that is higher than yourself. Focus your attention on his unchanging character, his eternity, his immensity, his holiness, power, mercy, and love. These themes will give you hope and security.

Blessings on your day as you seek to live and witness well!

Pastor Jim.