

## Children's Message Mar 29, 2020.

Hello again: I hope that you are all health and happy. Have any of you gathered your family to pray in the last week? It seems that this is what I have been doing the most in the past few weeks. If you have been getting your family together for pray, great for you. That is awesome. If you haven't, why not try to do it this week. What could possibly go wrong?

In this morning's reading, Jesus tells His disciples and those around Him, that things are going to change in a very big way. Our Lord's words seem to be ringing true in our ears today. Recently we have had to change and rethink how we do things. All of these in order to keep ourselves and others safe and healthy. If you had told me in October that school would be shut down for three or four weeks in the spring, I would not believe you. Well here we are. School may be closed until September. Wow, things have changed.

Change is the only thing in the world that stays the same. Change is always there. Change does not change. Do you know another thing that does not change? That is God's word and it does not change. His word remains constant and eternal. The beautiful thing about God's word is that it encourages you and I to continue to believe and have faith in Him. Whatever may happen, Jesus reminds us that God is so in charge that we should not worry. In Mathew 6-27, Jesus tells us, "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to your height?" Worrying about something that we have no control over will not help us in the end. Worrying about being taller will not make you taller.

In the middle of all this change, remember that God is in charge. Let Him do all the worrying since He is in charge. We just need to have faith in Him and use His word to find comfort and guidance. Mark 5-36, "Be not afraid, and only believe." This is great advice from Jesus in these times of change. Keep yourself planted firmly in God's word and love. This is what will get us through these times of change. As Red Green often said, "We are in this together." Change is nothing new. How we handle it will reflect our Christian love and charity.

I really miss you all and our circles before services. Easter will not be cancelled this year. It will only be postponed until we gather again. Julia, we will be blowing fireworks off. When we gather again it will be a big celebration. So stay safe and listen to your parents and we'll be together in church soon, D.