

From Rev. Zina Jacque

HELP US TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE

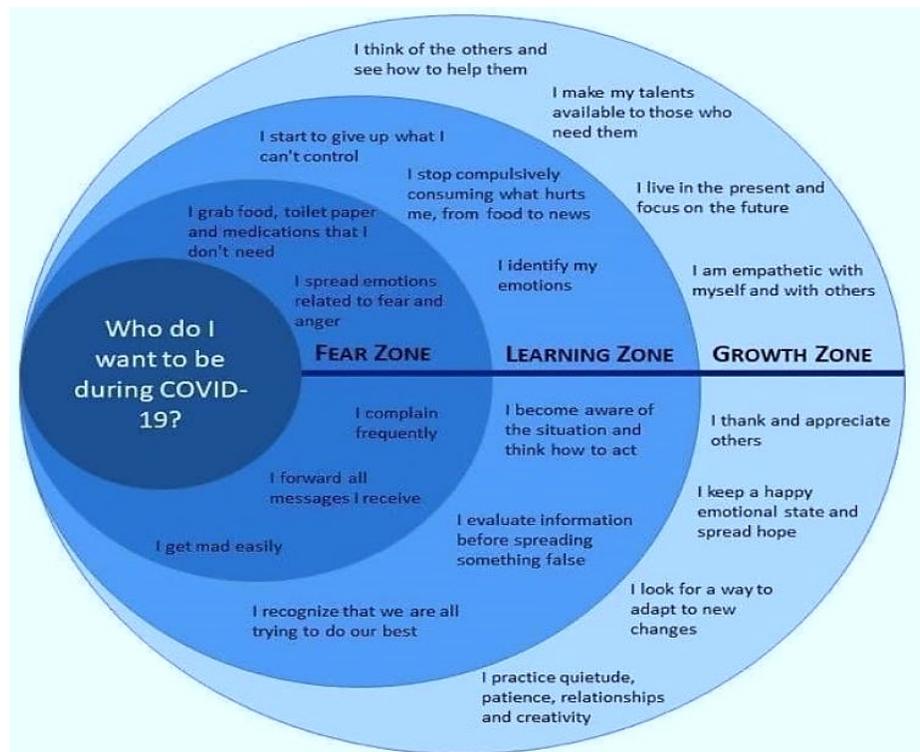
Dr. Monika Langeh is an emergency room doctor in Kashmir, India. She is a leading light in the fight against Covid-19 in south Asia. Her body of work includes strategies for improving mental health, as well as ways to understand the impact of this virus.

She suggests that we, as individuals, respond to Covid-19 by moving beyond our fears. Her diagram below invites us to consider the ways in which we might move beyond a zone of fear and into a zone of growth.

When you review the diagram where would you place yourself during the early days of the Covid-19 experience? Where are you now? And, how does your faith play into your former and your current position?



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Beloved, we are human **and** we are a people of faith. While the rise of the Covid-19 virus has been swift and challenging, it has brought about a renewed sense of the importance of family, community, front line workers and, dare I say, God and prayer.

As we live through these odd and unique days, may we strive to move closer to God, and through that relationship, move far beyond fear further into our faith.

Blessings dear ones! Let us fear not.

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name and you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1)*

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Springtime from my Porch



Every year I patiently wait through the icy winds of winter for the warmer, humid winds of one my favorite seasons – spring! This year is obviously unlike any other that we’ve experienced before. No trips to the Botanic Gardens to delight in the rush of blooms from the narcissus and tulip gardens. As of yet, no trips to the garden center to search for the perfect flowers to fill my porch and garden containers.

Although our worlds have been turned upside down due to this virus, Mother Nature will not be impeded as she begins her opening act – the buds are beginning to bloom! From the safety of my porch and my neighbor’s yards, I thought I might show you that no matter what, nature will continue as our lives will continue.

As Christians around the world try their best to celebrate spring during these unusual circumstances, we should try to remember what some very astute writers have said:



Spring Always Comes. Never yet was a springtime, when the buds forgot to bloom —

Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

Hope is rekindled. Expect to have hope rekindled. Expect your prayers to be answered in wondrous ways. The dry seasons in life do not last. The spring rains will come again —

Sarah Ban Breathnach



Don't Quit
by
John Greenleaf Whittier

Over the course of the next few months, I welcome you to share your favorite poems or poets with me. I am contemplating using poetry to add to the scriptural wealth of this summer's sermons. Claudine Athmann made this wonderful suggestion and I am intrigued by it. Below you will find a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier. I look forward to learning whom you appreciate and who you read. Mary Oliver is one of my favorites and the Sufi poet, Rumi. Feel free to share your poem or poets via email or snail mail. Blessings all.

Pastor Zina

When things go wrong,
As they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging
Seems all uphill
When the funds are low
And the debts are high,
And you want to smile,
But you have to sigh
When care is pressing,
You down a bit,
Rest, if you must,
But don't you quit.

Life is strange
With its twists and turns,
As every one of us
Sometimes learns.
And many a failure
Turns about,
When he might have won
Had he stuck it out;
Don't give up
Though the pace seems slow
You may succeed
With another blow.

Often the goal
Is nearer than,
It seems to a faint
And faltering man.
Often the struggler
Has given up,
When he might have captured
The victor's cup.
And he learned too late
When the night slipped down,
How close he was
To the golden crown.

Success is failure
Turned inside out
The silver tint
Of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell
How close you are,
It may be near
When it seems so far,
So, stick to the fight
When you're hardest hit.
It's when things seem worst
That you must not quit.

**Community Church of Barrington
April 26, 2020 --- Order of Worship**



PRELUDE **Pass It On - Arr. Mark Hayes**

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP:

One Voice: Sing to the Lord a new song!
Many Voices: **Yet, sometimes it is hard to sing with joy.**
One Voice: Lift up your hands in praise to the Lord!
Many Voices: **Is there any other way we might bring ourselves before the Lord?**
One Voice: Come into His sanctuary with thanksgiving!
Many Voices: **We come with our hearts filled with questions, with our souls wondering, what is next.**
ALL VOICES: ***But we come because we know what we need comes from the Lord our God. God of Mercy, we are here. Bless us we pray. Amen.***

HYMN

The Gathering

Out of need and out of custom, we have gathered here again.
To the gathering we are bringing love and laughter, grief and pain.
Some believing, some rejoicing, some afraid and some in doubt.
Come we now our questions voicing, we would search these matters out.

We have heard the glowing stories of the things which God has done,
Of His powers and his glory, of His love in Christ His son.
God of human transformation, for Your presence now we pray.
Lead us ever on the journey as we gather here today.

SCRIPTURE:

2 Chronicles 20:5-12 and I John 5:14

Carol Marsh

2 Chronicles 20:5-12: Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, and said, "O LORD, God of our ancestors, are you not God in heaven? Do you not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? In your hand are power and might, so that no one is able to withstand you. Did you not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham? They have lived in it, and in it have built you a sanctuary for your name, saying, 'If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house, and before you, for your name is in this house, and cry to you in our distress, and you will hear and save.' See now, the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy— they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession that you have given us to inherit. O our God, will you not execute judgment upon them? For we are powerless against this great multitude that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

I John 5:14: And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

One Voice: The word of God, for the people of God.
Many Voices: **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen

CHILDREN’S MOMENT and THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Dr. Samira El-Yasir

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GATHERING the JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH

CALL to PRAYER

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

*Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Music and words to this Sunday’s anthem are by Jay Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to You;
No other help I know.
If You should leave me all alone,
Where, then, shall I go?

O Lord, I give my soul to You;
I seek Your care and love.
No other blessings do I need
but those from You above.

Lord, I ask You give me faith, and help me understand.
And Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in Your hand.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,
All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer Amen.**

SERMON

Now, We Lament

Rev. Zina Jacque

CLOSING HYMN

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

Sung to the tune of Spirit Working in Creation

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea.
There’s a kindness in His justice
Which is more than liberty.
There’s a welcome for the sinner
And more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior,
There is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind
If our love were but more simple,
We would take him at his word.
And our lives would be illumined
By the presence of the Lord.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

Arr. Mark Hayes

YOU ARE NOT ALONE
In community with you, Dr. Samira El-Yasir

For several weeks now we have all been practicing social distancing due to the health challenge facing our world. With that said, there are a couple words that God keeps putting into my thoughts. The first word is ‘Community’ and the next words I saw on a little frame in our Pastor’s office that says, ‘Love Wins’.

To begin, in your opinion, when you think of the word “community”, what does it mean to you? Write your thought here _____

Who can tell me what a community is? _____



A community is a group of people who come together for a certain reason. A community could be your neighborhood, where many people live near each other. Your school is a community where many people come together to learn. Churches, like ours, are made up of communities of people who come together to worship, to pray, to laugh, to study, and to be in fellowship together. What other kind of communities can you think of?

We, being humans, for the most part like to gather in communities. We like to find people who have similar interests as we do, similar likes and dislikes, similar ideas about the world. What do you think is the opposite of being part of a community? Write it here _____

The opposite of being in a community is being alone. Sometimes we think we are better off alone—we can do our own thing without having to listen to our parents or our teachers or other wise people in our world. We don’t have to agree to do what our friends want to do. We don’t have to be just like everyone else—we can do whatever we want!

Even though sometimes it’s good to be alone, it’s not good to be alone all the time. I love how Hebrews 10:25 reminds us of this. The New Living Translation reads, “And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”



This passage reminds us that Jesus did not die for us so that we could all do our own thing. Jesus died so that we could have eternal life—and so that we could share good news with others in a community of believers. Jesus wants us to use His good news to bring people together in praise, worship, and friendship.

Community is like a link. A link that comes from a chain. Now, you can do a lot of things with a chain! What kinds of things can you do with a chain? You can secure things together, You can pull things. Chains are very strong and very useful. But what can you do with one link? Not very much! Jesus knew that. Each of us is like a link in a chain of love. By ourselves, we can't do very much. But in a community—linked together as a chain—we have great strength!



I know that at this time of social distancing and being more homebound, you may wonder what in the world we can do to be a part of community. I have come to the realization that God has created an amazing group at CCB, one that is welcoming, through social media, the mail system and other means we can show what it means to be in and of a community of believers, and I believe we are showing each other and those we have yet to meet what it means when we say, “Love Wins”.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING DURING COVID

We asked you what you have been up to and you told us, in pictures. You have been up to baking and puzzle making. One among us has served as part of the delivery team for the Easter Bunny. You have been using your culinary talents and even serving up hotdogs and Doritos, by candle light, no less. There have been spa nights and artistry with spray chalk. We have an author among us and one who graciously produced our Good Friday and Easter's service of worship. We see trips to Lake Michigan and, oh yes, a wedding in the midst of it all! You have been up to a lot. You have been very, very busy. And God has been just as busy, smiling down on your efforts to continue living in faith and with joy. What a blessing!





<i>May 2020 Birthdays</i>			
5-01-20	Liam Shackleton	5-18-20	Donna Burns
5-02-20	Jean Capellos	5-18-20	Jim Majzan
5-03-20	Bill Akerstrom	5-19-20	Joy Luchsinger
5-05-20	Bunny Jahnke	5-22-20	John Grom
5-07-20	Dave Phinney	5-23-20	Alex Campe
5-13-20	TomAlton	5-24-20	Ena Hennegan
5-15-20	Lauren David		
<i>Anniversaries</i>			
5-01-20	Julie & Jim Zurek	5-12-20	Sharon & Mike Hornig
5-23-20	Cheryl & Sandy Schroeder	5-23-20	Jim & Jayne Majzan
		5-25-20	Stu & Brenda Overby



**Women Who Breakfast
will not meet in May.**

**Look back to past get-togethers.
Remember the laughter, discussions,
the plans and fellowship.**

**And know,
we will be back together soon!**

**Our G.R.O.W. ladies will not
meet this month.**

**Stay safe during this time and if
you plan to "grow" a garden—
here are some tips.**

See you soon.

- Planting Tips**
- Fill in planting hole with top soil first.
 - Amend bottom soil with a good medium, either coco-fiber or organic compost.
 - Plant graft about 2-3 inches above ground level.
 - Keep the tree straight.
 - Tamp the soil to remove air pockets.
 - When finished, prune* & water well.
 - Stand back & enjoy!
- *only prune if your tree has not already been pre-pruned.*



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
WILL NOT MEET IN
MAY.**

**BUT NEVER FEAR—
YOUR DYNAMIC
GROUP WILL BE
TOGETHER SOON!**

MAY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Liam Shackleton B'Day	2 Jean Capellos B'Day
3 Worship 10:30 Bill Akerstrom B'Day	4	5 Bunny Jahnke B'Day Julie & Jim Zurek Anniversary	6	7 Dave Phinney B'Day	8	9
10 Worship 10:30 Mother's Day	11	12 Sharon & Mike Hornig Anniversary Virtual Deacon's Mtg.	13 Tom Alton B'Day	14	15 Lauren Davis B'Day	16
17 Worship 10:30	18 Donna Burns B'Day	19 Joy Luchsinger B'Day	20	21	22 John Grom B'Day	23 Alex Campe B'Day Cheryl & Sandy Schroeder Anniversary
24 Worship 10:30 Ena Hennigan B'Day	25 Memorial Day	26 Virtual Council Meeting	27 Natalia Revinski B'Day	28	29 Don McLean B'Day	30
31 Worship 10:30						

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