



## Mid-Week Ponderings for April 29, 2020

*You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming.*

~ Pablo Neruda

This quote was submitted by Erin Williams and seems like a good reminder during this time, when it seems that this virus keeps us from doing lots of things.

Often times, people talk about things happening in “God’s time.” Before you think I have joined the fundamentalist Christians and think this pandemic is being **caused** by God — I have not. It is probably not a shock to any of you that patience is not one of my virtues; and yet, I am the person who took 20 years to finish seminary.

We may be feeling like we have been cut off from things, but we are still the church and we are called to continue being the church. That’s not going to look like inviting people into our space when they come to worship — at least for a while. We may not be able to gather in the building, but we cannot keep God’s love from being shared.

So my mid-week pondering is ... what are some new ways we might be able to welcome people to be in community with us?

We have people joining us from around the world these days on our Zoom worship. Is there someone you know — perhaps a young person or a family member who hasn’t been attending regularly — who might want to join us for worship? Is there a new ministry that you think we should maybe try during this time?

Let your mind wander and see where God is leading us. And when you come up with something, share it with someone else — perhaps me, but perhaps someone else in the congregation who might also be excited about that ministry.

We have not been cut off during this time — we cannot keep God’s love from spreading.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brooke