Dear Siblings in Christ, *(or name if possible)*

In this time of physical distancing, it is important to remember that we are all connected as the Body of Christ. In this time when fear and uncertainty permeate our society, it is important to remember that as Christians, we are people of the empty tomb and the risen Lord. We are people of hope.

We know that the next several months will be difficult. Measures needed to contain the spread of COVID-19 mean that jobs and livelihoods are at risk. Losses in the stock market mean that anxiety about retirement accounts is high. As a church, we are working to be good stewards of the gifts you have shared with (Insert Church Name) as we continue to share God’s love to a frightened and hurting world.

We are all discovering different ways to be church together. With your help, (Insert Church Name) will continue to be the church in (insert community name) even if we aren’t in the same physical location. Your willingness to invest your time, talents, and financial resources in being church together matters - your generosity matters!

Your continued financial support for our shared ministry matters. We won’t be passing an offering plate for several weeks, but our ministry continues. If you have never made an online financial gift before, I hope you will go to (insert donation link information) and make a one-time or recurring gift. If your finances have changed and you need to change your gift, you can also use that link to access our giving website and your account. If your financial situation allows you to increase your gift to the congregation or to make a gift to a special fund supporting those impacted by COVID-19, please consider expanding your generosity.

For those who aren’t comfortable with making an online gift, use “Options for Giving” document included in this mailing provides ideas on how to share a financial gift from home.

We may not need ushers on Sunday morning for the next several weeks, but we do need people to write cards of encouragement, make phone call, and share their time, wisdom, and skills to make ministry happen. I would love to hear your ideas for how your gifts can make ministry happen. Please contact me at: (insert contact method).

Thank you for being a part of (Insert Church Name). Thank you for your faithfulness to God. Thank you for your financial support for our shared ministry. Your generosity matters!

Peace and hope,

*(Your signature)*