



March 13, 2020

Dear Congregation,

In this time of uncertainty due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we hope that you are finding ways to stay connected and to remember that you are not alone. We are with you in spirit and are working on ways to offer virtual connection as often as we can. Here are some important updates as we closely monitor the national and local health department recommendations, recommendations by our regional and national Unitarian Universalist Association, and the decisions made by local schools in terms of large gatherings and closures:

1. As an Executive Committee we have decided to hold virtual Sunday worship services at least through April 5th and closing the building to all gatherings until at least April 6th. We will make further decisions about reopening based on the information we have at the time from health professionals and the UUA.
2. We will host an online worship service on Sunday, March 15th at 11:15 am. To watch, go to <https://youtu.be/8yDKxKpdfeY>. If you are signed in to Youtube, you can click the "Set Reminder" button to be reminded when the time comes. We invite you to send us your concerns and gratitudes by 11:00 a.m. that morning to be read aloud by the ministers. Please submit them by [clicking here](#). Note the 9:30 and 11:15 services are being rolled into one service time so that we can gather together as a whole community of faith.
3. We will be offering an hour-long Zoom gathering on Saturday, March 14th at 12:30 pm for anyone in the congregation who would like to connect, check-in about how they are -

spiritually, mentally, physically. Your three ministers will be in the Zoom room to visit with you, facilitate this virtual connection, and help hold your concerns. This is also an opportunity to experiment with what may be a new on-line format for you. If you have questions or need assistance with accessing zoom, please contact Adam Gough (agough@ucevanston.org) ahead of time and either he or other tech savvy members can help talk you through the process. Here is the invitation to this Zoom meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/967603519>

Meeting ID: 967 603 519

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When you join this Zoom meeting, on Saturday, you will be muted when you enter. You can use the chat on the bottom to check in and we can unmute people when they are speaking. This prevents a lot of background noise from making it difficult to hear. Again, if you are unfamiliar with this format and need help with how to use Zoom, please reach out ahead of time.

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