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Make Us Channels of Your Peace

St. Francis Episcopal Church



Engaging

*Or do you not know, your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
whom you have from God.*

I Corinthians 6:19

Values of St. Francis

We have a statement of values at St. Francis. Here it is:

We highly value

Engaging with God in worship

Engaging with God in fellowship

Engaging with God through outreach

We do hold these values very strongly. They are very important to us. The value that is put to the test in these days of social distancing is engaging with God in fellowship. We are temples of the Holy Spirit by God's design. We experience the presence of God through each other. When we cannot get together like we used to get together we feel as if we have lost something we value.

Testing The Value

The great benefit of having this value of fellowship tested is that we come through holding this value stronger than we did before. The test is this:

Do we value engaging with each other in fellowship, or do we value engaging with God in fellowship?

What is your honest priority? Do you come to worship and other meetings really hoping to see others, and if you do not engage with God that's all right? Or, do you come to worship and other meetings hoping to engage with God each time as well as seeing the others who will be there?

This time of social distancing brings to the surface our true preferences and priorities concerning our practice of fellowship. The richest experience of fellowship will always be engaging with God in fellowship with each other. What do you look for when you come to worship? As you look

back on times of fellowship do you recall how you experienced God in one of those times? What is God asking of you about your practice and expectation of fellowship?

Coming Attractions

Sunday, March 29, 2020 Morning Prayer on *Zoom* at 10:00am

Thursday, April 2, 2020 Maundy Thursday worship on *Zoom* at 12 noon

Friday, April 3, 2020 Good Friday worship on *Zoom* at 12 noon

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For M.Y. Taekwando that business would increase

Diocese of Virginia

For the people of St. George's, Fredericksburg; Trinity, Manassas; St. John's Arlington; Christchurch School, Christchurch; St. Gabriel's, Leesburg; All Souls, Atlee that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the dioceses of Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp, Southern Africa) The Right Revd Stephen Diseko Waiapu (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Right Revd Andrew Hedge that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

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