

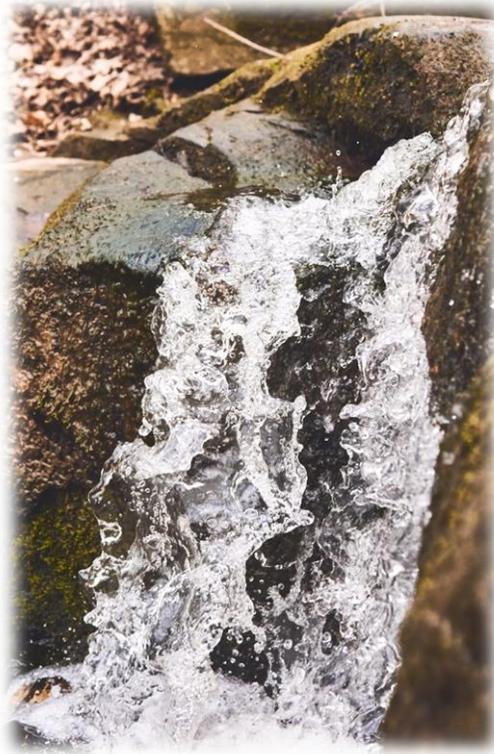
# Edgecomb Community Church

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**Scripture:** Exodus 17:1-7

**Sermon:** "Mustering Trust"

As people of faith, how do we deal with the spread of the Covid-19 virus? That is the question that will be considered in the sermon this Sunday.

**\*\*\***There will be no coffee hour after service this Sunday

**Please note:** As a preventative measure against COVID – 19, the Tuesday Edgecomb Community Lunch, Celtic Prayer Services and Busy Hands are cancelled until further notice. The Edgecomb Thrift Shop is also closed until further notice.

As of this time, Sunday morning worship will still be held this Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Please use precaution about coming to church. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

## **March**

Sun. March 15 **Third Sunday in Lent** – Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. March 19 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.

Sun. March 22 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Thurs. March 26 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.  
Sun. March 29 **Fifth Sunday in Lent** - Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Here are a number of precautionary measures the UCC Human Resources Department shared with staff in the national offices.

- **Stay home if you are feeling sick.**
- **Wash your hands frequently.**
- **Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.**
- **Disinfect surfaces used regularly.**
- **Use hand sanitizer.**
- **Avoid close contact with someone who is sick.**
- **Practice these precautionary measures at home and pass this information along to family and friends.**

If you have traveled internationally during the last 14 days, feel sick with fever or cough, or have difficulty breathing the CDC has several recommendations:

- **Seek medical advice. Call ahead before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room.**
- **Tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.**
- **Avoid contact with others.**
- **Do not travel while sick.**
- **Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing.**
- **Clean your hands often by washing them with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%–95% alcohol immediately after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose. Soap and water should be used if hands are visibly dirty.**

An excerpt from Rev. Deborah Blood's letter, UCC Maine Conference Minister, concerning the COVID-19 virus

*"In the midst of all of the information and speculation, I realize one thing that worries me most is the way this virus could affect our relationships and mental health. Our churches are overwhelmingly populated with elder folks, who are the most vulnerable to infection. For so many of our church members and friends, Sunday worship, monthly meetings, and church events are central to our sense of belonging and community. At church, we feed not only our faith, but our spirit and heart. At church we have a place to give of ourselves, to connect with others and push back the loneliness that is a real epidemic in our culture. For some of our most vulnerable people, a sensible response to the coronavirus threat could be to isolate at home. But, our most vulnerable people should not be left alone. What is our Disaster Preparedness Plan to battle Loneliness?"*

People of God, please reach out to members of ECC, neighbors and friends. Make a phone call. Pray with them. Ask how they are doing. See if they might be in need of medications or groceries. And remember, Christ walks with us.

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."  
—Psalm 46:1*