



THE BRIDE CHURCH

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God is good. All the time. Even in the midst of pain, suffering, and circumstances beyond our control, we know that we can trust that God is sovereign, and He is good.

With recent cancellations of events and gatherings around the world as well as our own neighborhood, the question has been asked if The Bride Church will be meeting for worship on Sunday morning. The short answer is yes, but we also understand the concerns you may have.

The leadership team of The Bride Church has discussed all of the information that is available and agree that it is important for the body of Christ to continue to gather together. As you are deciding whether to join us in person this weekend, please take the following things into consideration.

We can thank the Lord that there are still no confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Yuba and Sutter Counties. We encourage you to use your best judgement. If you are concerned about your health and choose not to join us in person this weekend, we completely respect your decision. If you or a family member is not feeling well, please stay home. As always, we will live-stream both of our services on Facebook and YouTube.

If you are wondering about our governor's recommendation to cancel gatherings of 250 or more people, let us first say that we respect his leadership. Governor Gavin Newsom is doing what he can to help curb the spread of this virus. God has led an average of 350 adults through our doors every weekend this year, but attendance per service has been less than 250.

As some people choose to join us online, the final three weekends of March may be lighter in attendance. This is a perfect opportunity to practice social distancing. Our greeting time may look different than it has in the past; no one will be offended if you keep your hands in your pockets instead of offering a handshake or hug.

It has always been a good idea to wash your hands regularly. Singing the first verse of Amazing Grace can give you a good sense of how long you should wash your hands.

We rely on God's amazing grace as we move forward with a spirit of power, love, and self-control to love well and grow in the likeness of Christ. We extend grace to those around us, and we pray for those who are sick. Lord Jesus, heal the sick and bring an end to this virus that has caused so much fear and chaos.

See You in Church,

Pastor Bob Ouzts