



We the churches of City Ministries, a working coalition of Petaluma area churches in prayer and service, are united in our response to how and when we reopen our Sunday worship gatherings in light of the State of California's phased rollout plan.

We believe the body of Christ is called to be both a faithful presence and prophetic witness to the Petaluma area. Disciples of Jesus have worshiped historically and globally under all circumstances, including threats, war, persecution and other pandemics. Following our rich Christian history, we can take any form to express our worship of Jesus Christ. Jesus has promised his church to always be among us no matter the size of our gatherings.

The churches of Petaluma continue to gather together through various forms of technology. We are seeing during this time of patience, God working in incredible ways as he draws his people into places of dependence, healing, repentance, lament and service.

We look forward to gathering again in person when it is good and right to do so. The deep grief of living in uncertainty, hardship, and fear is having its toll on our community. We would like to share with you the hope, joy, and peace that is found in Christ. Our churches will be worshipping online in unity Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, in a service we are calling Together 2020.

We as faith leaders have adapted and sacrificed so we can faithfully lead our congregations in worship and serve our neighbors. We agree to work together so that every person remains safe and the vulnerable populations in our congregations and neighborhoods receive care. We agree to be good citizens and be at peace as Scripture calls us to be. We strive to be a collective witness of God's love and salvation during this challenging time for our community.

We are working collaboratively with our local authorities, who are continually in our prayers. We appreciate the complexity and unprecedented challenges our elected officials and their staff face as they take into account both the threat of COVID-19 and the social and economic implications of the prolonged stay-at-home order. Through our working relationship with them, we have learned from each other and have developed innovative solutions together. We will continue to work together to honor the efforts that everyone is making to help our community.

We applaud our front line workers, who carry burdens few of us can imagine. We grieve with those who lost loved ones during this time. We pray for those who have lost jobs and businesses and all those suffering financially. We pray for our houseless neighbors, those facing food insecurity, those who are home but not safe, and all others affected by this crisis. We hope you will find the churches of Petaluma to be good neighbors who love and care for the flourishing of our community.

We stand together for the strength of the church and the health of Petaluma.

Adobe Christian Church  
Calvary Chapel Petaluma  
Hillside Church  
The Parish Church

Petaluma Valley Baptist  
Petaluma Christian Church  
Petaluma Church of Christ  
Penngrove Church

St. John's Anglican  
Church  
The Salvation Army