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Dear People of Grace Church

This is certainly a different Holy Week than we expected to be celebrating, and while we may be spending it at home, there is still much good news to share.  Be sure to visit our website for the many worship opportunities available to us.  [www.graceanniston.org](http://www.graceanniston.org/)  Reach out to someone and share how you worship this week.

Your Vestry has been hard at work during these difficult times, and thanks to the great work of our search committee, we are pleased to announce that we have called a new Rector.

We are excited to welcome The Reverend Walter J. LaLonde (Father Wally) and his wife, The Reverend Kathy LaLonde, to our Grace Church family.

Father Wally currently serves as Assistant Rector of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico.  He plans to join us on June 1.

Lastly, we wish to thank The Rev. Jim Elliott and Jane for their leadership and love over the past many months. We are so grateful that Father Jim and Jane have graciously offered to stay with us until Father Wally and Kathy arrive. We will look forward to the time we can all be together again and personally give them our best wishes as they depart to spend more time on their boat with Grace.

God’s peace,

Your Vestry