



# THE WORLD FLOODS IN

a fall series at ResCov

***“The world floods in on all of us. The world can be kind, and it can be cruel. It can be beautiful and it can be appalling. It can give us good reason to hope and good reason to give up all hope. It can strengthen our faith in a loving God, and it can decimate our faith.”***

-Frederick Beuchner

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 10, 2021

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren’t sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the ‘gallery’ and ‘active speaker’ modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
6. Asterisks in the bulletin indicate where the congregation is invited to stand.

## **GATHERING**

CALL TO WORSHIP\* *(adapted from Joanna Harader)*

We come to worship this morning from different places.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We come with both the beauty and the brokenness  
of the world flooding in on us.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We come to hear your story  
and find our place in it.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We come to rest in you.

SONG\* - Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

“Come to me, O weary trav’ler;  
come to me with your distress;  
come to me, you heavy-burdened;  
come to me and find your rest.”

“Take my yoke, and leave your troubles;  
take my yoke and come with me.  
Take my yoke, I am beside you;  
take and earn humility.”

“Do not fear, my yoke is easy;  
do not fear, my burden’s light;  
do not fear, the path before you;  
do not run from me in fright.”

“Rest in me, O weary trav’ler;  
rest in me, and do not fear.  
Rest in me, my heart is gentle;  
rest and cast away your care.”

SONG\* - Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name  
in the land that is plentiful,  
where your streams of abundance flow,  
blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name  
when the sun’s shining down on me,  
when the world’s all as it should be,  
blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name  
when I’m found in the desert place.  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name  
on the road marked with suffering,  
though there’s pain in the offering,  
blessed be your name.

Pre-chorus:  
Every blessing you pour out,  
I’ll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
still I will say:

Bridge:  
You give and take away,  
you give and take away,  
my heart will choose to say,  
Lord, blessed be your name.

Chorus:  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,

blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be your glorious name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(adapted from Alex S. Leung)*

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we give you thanks that your mercy  
is higher than the heavens,  
wider than our wanderings,  
deeper than all our sin.  
Forgive our inattention to the world around us,  
our callousness towards suffering,  
our envy of those with more than us,  
our indifference toward beauty,  
our neglect of those who have gone before us.  
Help us to change our way of life  
that we may desire what is good  
and love what you love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

SONG\* - All of Your Ways Are Peace

All of your ways are peace.  
All of your ways are peace.  
Though we are pressed on every side,  
we trust that you are peace.

All of your ways are just.  
All of your ways are just.  
Though we may say it through our tears,  
we trust that you are just.

All of your words are true,  
all of your words are true.  
Though we have heard so many lies,  
we trust your words are true.

**WORD**

EPISTLE LESSON - Job 1:13-21

One day when [Job's] sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the eldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, 'The oxen were ploughing and the donkeys were feeding beside them, and the Sabeans fell on them and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.' While he was still speaking, another came and said, 'The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; I alone have escaped to tell you.' While he was still speaking, another came and said, 'The Chaldeans formed three columns, made a raid on the camels and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.' While he was still speaking, another came and said, 'Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; I alone have escaped to tell you.'

Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshipped. He said, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.'

GOSPEL LESSON\* - Colossians 1:15-20

[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON - The World Floods In - Pastor Dave

## **RESPONSE**

SONG\* - Stand by Me

When the storms of life are raging,  
stand by me.

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stand by me.

When the world is tossing me  
like a ship upon the sea,  
thou who rulest wind and water,  
stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures,  
stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures,  
stand by me.

When I do the best I can,  
and my friends misunderstand,  
thou who knowest all about me,  
stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation,  
stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation,  
stand by me.

When the hosts of hell assail,  
and my strength begins to fail,  
thou who never lost a battle,  
stand by me.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING

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#### DOXOLOGY\*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### HOLY COMMUNION

### SENDING

#### SONG\* - Glory Is Here

Someday you'll come, darkness will cease,  
true light will dawn, everyone will then see,  
everything new,  
we'll finally see you.

In oceans and hills, and in ancient skies  
hidden in faces and pain and delight:  
Your glory is here,  
and I get a glimpse of you.

Awaiting that day, searching for more,  
while all along you are found with the poor,  
help me to see,  
you're all around me.

In silence and prayer, and in bread and wine,  
somehow the common becomes the divine.  
Making me new,  
I'm starting to see you.

#### Chorus:

Our praises arise,  
as we come to recognize,  
Jesus is near, glory is here.

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*