



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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 17, 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* *(Psalm 130)*

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O LORD.

O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand.

Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be revered.

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word I hope.

More than those who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD,

for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SONG - Everlasting God

Strength will rise
as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord. (2x)

Our God, you reign forever.
Our hope, our strong deliverer.

You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God,
You will not faint, you won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

SONG - Everlasting God

The Lord is my light and salvation,
whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I be afraid? (2x)

I will wait on you.
I will wait on you.
I will trust in you. I will trust in you. (2x)

I will remain confident in this,
I will see the goodness of the Lord. (2x)

Refrain:

We set our hope on you.
We set our hope on your love.
We set our hope on the one
who is the everlasting God,
you are the everlasting God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Weeping Christ,
who grieved the death of his friend Lazarus.
We confess to you our sins:

**when we have named grieving as a sign of weakness;
when we have not trusted you to hold our grief;
when we have ignored the grief of our neighbor;
when we added to the grief of another
by what we have done
or by what we have left undone:**

Forgive us.

**As you raised your friend from the grave,
raise us from the death of sin
to the grace of new life
by the power of the Spirit
and to the glory of your Name.**

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* - See How Deep He Loves

See how deep he loves,
deep enough to weep,
enough to need, enough to bleed,
how deep he loves.

See how deep he loves,
deep enough to ache,
enough to pray, and with us stay,
how deep he loves.

For he has broken every bond that burdened us.
He has opened up the way to life again.
He has spoken words of truth into the dark.
He has taken hold of us; we're raised with him.

See how deep he loves,
deep enough to die,
enough to rise to bring us life.
How deep he loves.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

GOSPEL LESSON* - John 11:17-37

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON - Jesus Wept - Mackenzie Mahon

RESPONSE

SONG* - When Jesus Wept

When Jesus wept, a falling tear
in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear
seized all the guilty world around.

When Jesus wept, he felt the sting
of human loss a death's cruel gain;
so through our tears and suffering
we praise the God who knows our pain.

When Jesus wept, death's kingdom quaked
for grief was not God's final word;
though kingdoms fall and mountains shake,
yet hope long dead begins to stir.

Rise up, O God, our hopes renew,
call life from death, from tears, from pain.
O Spirit move in us anew,
and may Christ's kingdom come and reign.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

There is a sweet anointing in the sanctuary.
There is a stillness in the atmosphere.
Come and lay down the burdens you have carried
for in the sanctuary, God is here.

You are here, you are here
to break the yoke and lift the heavy burden.
You are here, you are here,
To heal the hopeless heart
and bless the broken.

Come and lay down the burdens you have carried
for in this sanctuary, God is here.

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* - We Come Now to Your Table

During Communion:

We come now to your table, Lord,
you are the Living Bread.

We come now to your table, Lord,
let ev'ry soul be fed.

You are the Living Bread,
let every soul be fed;
and now may ev'ry soul be fed
with Living Bread.

After Communion:

We go now from your table, Lord,
to share the Living Bread.

We go now from your table, Lord,
let ev'ry soul be fed.

We share the Living Bread;
let every soul be fed;
and now may ev'ry soul be fed
with Living Bread.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*