



## 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-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 24, 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 34*)

We will bless the Lord at all times;

**God's praise will continually be in our mouths.**

Our souls shall rejoice in the Lord;

**Let the humble hear it and rejoice.**

Come; glorify our God with me;

**Let us exalt God's name together!**

SONG\* - Taste and See

*Refrain:*

Taste and see,

taste and see

the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see,

taste and see

the goodness of the Lord,

of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times.

His praise shall always be on my lips;

my soul shall glory in the Lord

for God has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us all praise God's name.

I called the Lord

and God answered me;

from all my troubles

God set me free.

Worship the Lord, all you people.

You'll want for nothing if you ask.

Taste and see that God is good;

in God we need put all our trust.

SONG\* - Alpha and Omega

You are Alpha and Omega;

we worship you, our Lord.

You are worthy to be praised.

We give you all the glory;

We worship you, our Lord.

You are worthy to be praised.

Eres Alfa y Omega,

te adoramos, O Señor.

Eres digno de alabar.

Te damos toda gloria,

te adoramos, O Señor,

eres digno de alabar.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*adapted from The Book of Common Worship*)

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
for we have done wrong.**

**We have lived for ourselves  
and apart from you.**

**We have turned from our neighbors  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.**

**We have ignored the pain of the world**

**and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy, forgive our sins  
and free us from selfishness,  
that we may choose your will  
and obey your commandments;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

#### 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\* - Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

Goodness is stronger than evil,  
love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness;  
life is stronger than death.

Vict'ry is ours,  
vict'ry is ours,  
through God who loved us.  
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through God who loved us,

### **WORD**

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON- Deuteronomy 30:11-15, 19b-20

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding

fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

GOSPEL LESSON\* - John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON - Pastor Aaron

## **RESPONSE**

SONG\* - Cuando el Pobre

When the poor ones who have nothing  
share with strangers,  
when the thirsty water give  
unto us all,  
when the weak ones in their weakness  
strengthen others,

*Refrain:*

Va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar,  
Va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar.  
*(Then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.)*

When at last all those who suffer  
find their comfort,  
when they hope though  
even hope seems hopelessness,  
when we love though  
hate at times seems all around us,

When our joy fills up our cup  
to overflowing,  
when our lips can speak no words  
other than true,  
when we know that  
love for simple things is better,

When our homes are filled  
with goodness in abundance,  
when we learn how to make peace  
instead of war,  
when each stranger that we meet  
is called a neighbor,

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\* - There is Enough

There is enough,  
there is enough,  
there is enough,  
oh, enough and some to share.

Bread for the hungry,  
so much to spare,  
wine for the thirsty,  
enough and some to spare.

Justice for suff'ring  
hope for despair,  
kindness for hatred,  
enough and some to share.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*