



May 24, 2020 Online Worship Resource

Call to Worship

People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God!

Hymn: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

Call to Confession

God's bow has been hung in the clouds, a reminder of God's faithfulness and steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Without fear, then, let us confess our sin before God. Let us pray...

Confession

We need your mercy, God. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We participate in systems of injustice, use power to our own advantage at the expense

of others, and fail to stand with and for those who are weak, marginalized, and voiceless. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us your truth, help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood onto dry ground, we, too, are brought from death into new life in Christ.

Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Passing the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry deserts, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Spirit, proclaim the good news to us today, that we might experience your re-creating life. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 8:1-4, 20-22, 9:8-17

Genesis 8: 1-4

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; 2 the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, 3 and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred fifty days the waters had abated; 4 and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. 5

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Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odor, the Lord said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

22 As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Genesis 9: 8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the

ark.[a] 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12 God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17 God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

After the Storm

Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"
(Refrain)

Prayer of Dedication

Remembering, faithful God, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, our offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction