



## May 17, 2020 Online Worship Resource

### **Call to Worship** *Adapted from Psalm 8*

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you have established;

**what are human beings that you are mindful of us, mortals that you care for us?**

Yet you have made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.

**You have given us dominion over the works of your hands; and put all earthly things under our feet,**

all sheep and oxen, also the beasts of the field,

**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,**

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

### **Hymn:** *Creator of Mountains*

Creators of mountains, of glaciers and streams,  
Great Splasher of fountains and Dreamer of dreams,  
We gather in wonder and praise for your grace.  
Responding, we ponder our work in this place.

Created for caring for all human need,  
We seek to be daring in thought and in deed.  
Turn us from all strife that demeans or divides.  
Reform us for life that empowers and abides.

Great God, now we come, our hearts grateful for days  
When faith, like a drumbeat, keeps steady our praise;  
In song and rejoicing hopes stir and arise,  
Our spirits now voicing their hymns to the skies.

### **Call to Confession**

The promise of our faith is this: for all who call out in repentance and truth, God is near. Therefore, let us honestly confess our sin to the Lord who knows it already and loves us anyway. Let us pray...

### **Confession**

**Merciful God, your creatures cry and creation groans, but we turn away. We surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through us until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven.

**This is good news! Hallelujah! 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**

**May your word flood our hearts this day, O God, as water feeds rivers and fields, rich with healing, abundant, alive, and true. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### **Scripture**

#### **Genesis 6:5-8, 11-22**

*The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. 6 And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. 7 So the Lord said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord.*

*11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. 13 And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of cypress[a] wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. 15 This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height*

*thirty cubits. 16 Make a roof[b] for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. 21 Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them." 22 Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.*

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

### **Sermon**

### **Water, Water Everywhere!**

#### **Hymn: *O How He Loves You and Me***

O how He loves you and me! O how He loves you and me!  
He gave his life, what more could he give?  
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;  
O how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calvary did go; His love for sinners to show.  
What He did there brought hope from despair.  
O how He loves you; O how He loves me;  
O how He loves you and me!

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord of all creation and re-creation, we offer with thanksgiving what is not ours but what we have received from you. Bless these gifts for the sake of our sisters and brothers in this world. Let your word of abundant life bless all with hope and peace. 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**