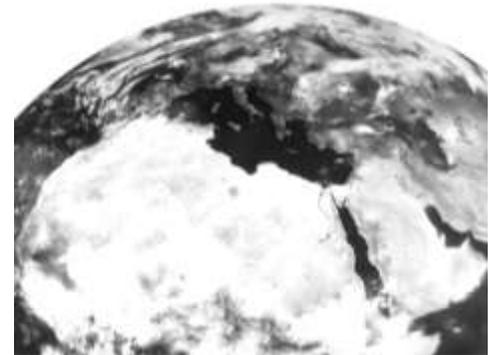


Welcome!

Welcome at a distance to our worship service! Though we are physically apart, we are connected in spirit. This will be our last week with the enigmatic book of Job. This week we hear God's response to Job and Job's restoration after his time of suffering. We are reminded that God's world is vaster and too wonderful for us to know. As we accept our smallness, we also trust that God loves us and cares.



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Children's Story

(Separate recording)

Gayle Voth

Welcome

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Call to Worship and Invocation

(from HWB 498)

You come to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen, unheard,
as though within a heart of stone,
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred.

You come to us in sound of seas,
the ocean's fume and foam,
yet small and still upon the breeze,
a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
a voice to call us home.

You come in truth when faith is grown
believed, obeyed, adored;
the Christ in all the scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Savior and our Lord.

You come when souls in silence lie
and thoughts of day depart,
half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart.

You come in love as once you came
by flesh and blood and birth,
to bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving name,
for every child of earth.

Instrumental Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

HWB 89

Confession and Assurance (adapted from Psalm 130:1-2, 7-8)

1: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord

2: Lord, hear my voice!

1: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy!

2: Alexanderwohl, put your hope in the Lord

1: for with the Lord is unfailing love

2: and with him is full redemption

All: God himself will redeem us from all our sins.

Hymn of Faith

Lord, You Sometimes Speak

HWB 594

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Job 38:1-11, 42:1-7

Reflection

"Our place in creation"

Pastor Caleb

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Song of Response

O Love that Will not Let Me Go

HWB 577

Benediction

Pastor Lois

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

Special thanks to those who have participated in recording this worship service.

Questions for Reflection:

1. What do you think God was trying to say to Job when God speaks in ch. 38-41?
2. How do you experience God's response in challenging times?
3. How are you finding hope and strength in this uncertain time with the new coronavirus?

Scripture reading for Next Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11

Praying for our congregation and beyond

- ❖ We pray for those feeling isolated and alone in this time of CoVid-19 distancing. Grant that your Spirit would be present and comforting.
- ❖ We pray students and teachers adjusting to doing school from home. May the Spirit grant focus for learning. We especially remember seniors and or students feeling the sense of loss for missed milestones. Grant that your Holy Spirit would give comfort, hope, and encouragement.
- ❖ We pray for people in Italy, Spain, Oregon, Washington, California, and New York City, areas currently hit hard by the virus. Grant that your Spirit give stamina, healing to those who are ill, and comfort to family of those who have died.
- ❖ We pray for health care workers and first-responders – those being exposed to the virus by virtue of doing their jobs. Grant that your Holy Spirit would give wisdom, energy, clear-headed decision making and compassion.
- ❖ We pray for those in our church and community facing unemployment or worried about unemployment.
- ❖ We thank God for opportunities to connect with family and friends, and even feel closer than ever before.
- ❖ We thank God for people willing to go the extra mile, such as delivering groceries.
- ❖ We pray for those who are waiting for refuge at national borders – ours and those of other nations. They are already so vulnerable; God, grant your mercy and grace to these who wait.

Announcement:

Because of the pandemic MDS closed all of the projects for worker safety on March 13. They hope to resume in the fall, but it will depend on how things are by then. The pandemic is a different sort of disaster, but has affected many people worldwide. Please pray for all those affected with the virus, and for the leaders of all the Mennonite service organizations, schools, and churches to know how to respond in this difficult and challenging time.

Here's an idea for a project while you're home – write notes of love and encouragement to nursing home residents. Contact the church office if you'd like a list.

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