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Week sixteen of online worship

July 5, 2020

"AND THE LORD RESTORED THE FORTUNES OF JOB WHEN HE HAD
PRAYED FOR HIS FRIENDS; AND THE LORD GAVE JOB TWICE AS MUCH
AS HE HAD BEFORE." - JOB 42:10



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July 5	
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Social Distance Gathering

Knitters gather IRL
(In Real Life)
We will cancel if it rains.

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace.

We welcome all because God welcomes all.

We encourage young children to participate and make their presence known. We are many races and cultures, different sexual orientations, gender identities and families of various configurations and single people. We come from a wide variety of places on earth and individual spiritual journeys. We are various stages of life, differing abilities and health, and economic circumstances. Our unity is in Christ who calls for us to reject division and discrimination.



This week's sanctuary candle is given by Barbara Thistle, for the glory of God and in memory of her father, William Thistle.

This is the final of a five week series on the book of Job.

6/7	Chapter 1:1-22	Catastrophe befalls the wealthy Job	(Luke 17:5-6)
6/14	Chapters 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21	Job's patience gives out to lament	(Luke 17:20-21)
6/21	Chapters 14:7-15; 19:23-27	Job's confidence in God	(John 12:24)
6/28	Chapters 31:35-37; 38:1-11 [25-27]	God answers Job's indignant anger	(John 6:16-20)
7/5	Chapters 41:1-8; 42:1-17	The enormity of creation	(Luke 20-23)

Job is famous for saying, "the LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD" a statement of acceptance and surrender to the will of God. While Job is beset by people who question what he did to deserve his catastrophe, he maintains his righteousness. The book refutes a piety of reward and punishment that is seen in other books of the Bible which is referred to as Wisdom literature. Job helps us in times when we find ourselves asking why God allows suffering. There is no single, easy answer.

Next week begins a series on Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 5 weeks

7/12	2 Corinthians 1:1-11	(John 14:25-27)
7/19	2 Corinthians 2:1-10	(Matt 18:21-22)
7/26	2 Corinthians 4:1-18	(Matt 5:13)
8/2	2 Corinthians 5:1-21	(Luke 15:25-32)
8/11	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	(John 13:31-35)

Commentary on Job 41:1-8; 42:1-17

Job responds to these speeches of God by recanting (a better translation in vs. 6 than "I despise myself") and by acknowledging that he spoke of things he didn't understand. The world is not a chaotic and disordered place, as Job had claimed (see ch. 9), and God is not vindictive and overly concerned with human sin, as he had argued (7:11-21). God's concern for the world (including humanity) is far more expansive than Job had imagined. Humanity has a place in that world, but it is not what Job or his friends had imagined; humanity is not at the center of creation or the sole recipient of God's attention. God's concern is for all of life and all of creation, including humanity. In the God-speeches, Job's vision is expanded and Job's hope is fulfilled: He has seen God (42:5; cf. 19:26-27).

In closing verses of the book (Job 42:7-17), Job is commended by God for speaking "to me rightly" (42:7-8; a better translation than "of me what is right.") Job, unlike his friends, has continued to speak to God rather than just about God and has thereby been faithful to that relationship.

Job's fortunes are restored. He (and presumably Mrs. Job) have more children, and he gives his daughters names befitting their great beauty and an inheritance along with their brothers (an unheard-of act in that patriarchal culture). In other words, Job learns to govern his world the way God governs God's world: with great delight in his children's beauty and freedom. Like God, Job gives his children the freedom to be who they were created to be.

Though some readers find the epilogue of Job unsatisfactory, Ellen Davis suggests that the question one must ask is not, "How much (or how little) does it cost God to give more children?" but "What does it cost Job to become a father again?" (*Getting Involved with God*, p. 142). After all his suffering, Job does indeed choose to have more children; Job chooses to live again, even though he knows all too well the pain that living and loving entails. Such a choice stems from his fierce faith in the God of life. At this end of the book of Job, it must be acknowledged that there is no fully satisfactory "answer" to the problem of innocent suffering. Still, Job provides us several faithful responses to suffering: speaking to God honestly and directly, and trusting that God will answer; risking living and loving even after great pain; and delighting in a world that is wild and beautiful and risky, trusting in the faithful God who created and still sustains that world.

We read the book of Job as Christians, of course, and so we cannot finally speak of suffering without speaking of the cross. We could speak of Job as a theologian of the cross. We might speak of the book of Job as a story of death and resurrection (though resurrection is not a full-fledged theological concept in the book of Job, the end of the book is a sort of resurrection). For us, Jesus' suffering on the cross and his resurrection holds the promise of new life for us all.

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Confessions and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
All Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is
not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and
just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most Merciful God,
**All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus
Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the
glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in mercy, has given his Son to die for us and,
for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained
minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I
therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy
Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

(p)

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. *All: Lord have mercy.*

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

For our congregation, and for all who could not join us this morning, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger and need, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

For all servants of the church, our Bishops, Elizabeth and Paul, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silent Prayer

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.
All: To you, O Lord.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

- Evening Prayer ELW p. 316

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Merciful God, help us, even in the midst of suffering, to always be aware of your presence. In times of uncertainty and peril may we hear your voice saying, ‘Do not be afraid.’ May we hear your call to be your church especially in times of need. In Jesus’ name we pray.

All: Amen.

THE WORD – *God speaks to us in the scripture reading and proclamation and we respond in a statement of faith, prayer and song.*

A reading from the book of Job, starting at the forty-first chapter.

God gives Job a vision of creation beyond any human experience and Job comes away blessed by a God who hears him and meets him where he is: “I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you.”

And the LORD said to Job,

- 41 ‘Can you draw out Leviathan with a fish-hook,
or press down its tongue with a cord?
- 2 Can you put a rope in its nose,
or pierce its jaw with a hook?
- 3 Will it make many supplications to you?
Will it speak soft words to you?
- 4 Will it make a covenant with you
to be taken as your servant for ever?
- 5 Will you play with it as with a bird,
or will you put it on a leash for your girls?
- 6 Will traders bargain over it?

- Will they divide it up among the merchants?
⁷ Can you fill its skin with harpoons,
or its head with fishing-spears?
⁸ Lay hands on it;
think of the battle; you will not do it again!

Reading Two, chapter forty-two

Job has veered from anguish to joy, from deep despair to amazing hope. Job's notions about God have now given way to a relationship. Job gets no explanation for his ordeal but has had a vision that has brought him closer to God. Job has been awed and humbled, graced by God's presence.

- ⁴² Then Job answered the LORD:
² 'I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
³ "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
⁴ "Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me."
⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
⁶ therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.'

Reading Three

In the final verses, all that Job had lost is replaced and more. The Lord gives, takes away and gives again. Job is generous with his daughters.

- ¹⁰ And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning;

and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷And Job died, old and full of days.

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Good News according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; ²¹nor will they say, "Look, here it is!" or "There it is!" For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.'

²² Then he said to the disciples, 'The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³They will say to you, "Look there!" or "Look here!" Do not go, do not set off in pursuit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Good News for Today. *Followed by silence for reflection*

Prayers of the People

Let us pray with one voice, listen for the Spirit and open our hearts.

A brief silence.

First petition.

God of healing, send your love upon this world. In this time of global distress, send us wisdom and patience. Send your sustaining and healing power to health care workers and first responders. We pray for all working in essential service jobs. As we wait, many of us, alone in our homes, remind us that praying for and supporting each other and those in need is your work in our hands. Help us to hear the call and trust in your

help to be your church in such a time as this. God of Love, *All: hear our prayer.*

Second petition.

Shepherding God, bless our Bishops Elizabeth and Paul. Bless our council and its officers and all our leaders. Bless our Child Care Center staff, Advisory Committee and families. May we each discover how the talents that you have graced us with can be used to your glory. God of Joy, *All: hear our prayer.*

Third petition.

God of care, you created us in your image; we are your beloved children. May we recognize your likeness in one another. Where the sin of racism fractures our relationships, bring repentance and reconciliation. May we protect vulnerable children and adults from violence or neglect; help us to provide what is needed for those lacking. God of justice, *All: hear our prayer.*

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care. Instill in us a deeper wonder for the created world you've called good, and a greater humility for our place within it. Kindle in us a creative and resilient spirit as we care for the earth and its creatures. God of wholeness, *All : hear our prayer.*

Bless our nation with your abundant grace that we may work for an end to war and hunger. We lift up Marik Armstrong, Myrtle Bentley, Harriet Berg, the Byrne Family, Pam Caldwell, Phil Fitzpatrick, Jamie Onofrio Franceschini, Emit Gallager, Anilda Garcia, the Habina Family, Claudette Harrison, Scott Hill, Dylan Kunkel, Carlene Long, Michael McMeans, Marge Nebelsick, Brigita Nikolajec, Barbara O'Hanlon, Diane Peck, Tessa Pollack, Thaddeus Rost-Arnt, Sandy Price, Yvonne Rustico, Susie Smith, David Spengler, Olivia Thompson, William Vogel, Nancy Wade, Patricia Wagnerson, Alexander Wenk, Peter Wighton...*(add other names aloud or in silence.)* God of Hope, *All: hear our prayer.*

Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. Bless families that mourn the loss of loved ones especially of Steven Larsen, Walter and Barbara Korntheuer, Winifred Kelly, Sharon Nearby, Danny Gonzalez, Georgiana Church Broadway, Christina Pucci, Connie "Titsi" Lockwood, and Kathleen Rattigan. Bless those celebrating birthdays especially Heather Paul, Ben Gawle, Eileen Parker, Patty Gawle, and Andrew Palovchek. God of mercy: *All: Hear our prayer.*

O God, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts through the power of the Spirit, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

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Thanksgiving

Let us pray. Good and loving God,

All: **we rejoice in the life of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we offer our praise and thanksgiving to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, make us bold to address you as our “Abba” as we pray,

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

SENDING - *God blesses us and sends us in mission for healing the world.*

Sending Hymn: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Appendix page 15 (ELW# 888)

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with mercy and + grant you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929
 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

Prayer List July 2020

Marik Armstrong –	Pat and Linda	Carlene Long -	Pat and Linda
Myrtle Bentley –	Pat W. friend	Michael McMeans	
Harriet Berg	Elly Harrold's Mother	Marge Nebelsick –	Pat and Linda
Byrne Family -	Elly Harrold	Brigita Nikolajec	Renata Eski
Pam Caldwell -	Linda and Pat	Barbara O'Hanlon	Pastor's Sister in law
Phil Fitzpatrick	Wendy Thorenz	Diane Peck	Member
Jamie Onofrio-		Tessa Pollack	Pat W
Franceschini -	member	Sandy Price	Cousin of Wendy
Emit Gallager –	Schmitt grandson	Yvonne Rustico-	Elly Aunt
Anilda Garcia	Elaine Makowski's	Susie Smith	
	mom	David Spengler	Pam's dad
Habina Family	Linda Armstrong	Olivia Thompson	
Claudette Harrison	LuAnn Lawless	William Vogel -	Reinhold Vogel's
Scott Hill	Elly Harrold		brother
Dylan Kunkel		Nancy Wade	
Thaddeus Rost-Arnt	Kirsten	Patricia Wagnerson	
		Alexander Wenk	Wendy

Those Who Have Died:

Winifred Kelly – Onofrio
Sharon Nearby – Norma Piel
Danny Gonzalez – Barbara Cassese
Georgiana Church Broadway – Rev. Hyacinth Imhof
Christina Pucci – Onofrio
Connie “Titsi” Lockwood – Onofrio
Walter and Barbara Korntheuer – memeber
Kathleen Rattigan – Darcey
Bryce Costawong – Tony Wynne
Lisa Conners Sullivan
Steve Larsen