

# Sunday Service: November 1, 2020

## *“Loss, Remembrance and Healing”*



2020 has been a year of many losses – from over 200,000 dead due to COVID-19 in the US, to forests burned down where many of us have gone for personal healing, to the loss of homes, jobs, pets, and neighborhoods.

Join us as we speak, acknowledge, and remember these losses. Please light a candle on Sunday morning during our special service!

Zoom service starts promptly at 10 am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84841981079?pwd=OG1TMThyZFFQZ1Q0dStpZlJCdURUUT09>

### 1. GATHERING

#### Musical Prelude

#### Reading from Lamentations (S: Steve, C: Cathy, A: All)

**S:** I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.

**C:** I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.

**S:** My eyes flow unceasingly, without relief. What I see brings grief to my soul.

**C:** The waters closed over my head, and I thought I was about to be cut off.

**S:** Joy is gone from our hearts; our dancing has turned to mourning.

**C:** But we are not cast off by the Lord forever.

**S:** Though life brings grief, God will show compassion.

**C:** I called on your name, from the depths of the pit. You heard my plea. You came near when I called.

**S:** O Lord, you took up my case; you redeemed my life. And therefore I have hope.

**C:** The Lord’s compassions never fail, they are as fresh as the morning and as sure as each sunrise.

**S:** God does not change and great is God’s faithfulness.

**C:** God’s love is totally Awesome!

**S:** You, O LORD, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation.

**All:** Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may return and be renewed like our days of old.

#### Congregational Songs



## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Responsive Reading (Revelation 7:9-17)

**Reader one:** After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**Choir:** "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

**Reader two:** And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

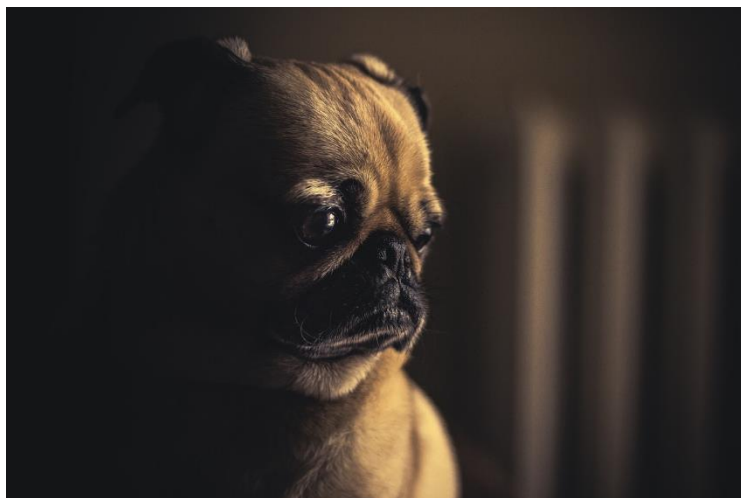
**Choir:** "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

**Reader two:** Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me,

**Reader three:** "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat: for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### Open Time of Sharing

Feel free to share what you have lost this past year (or in years past) – physical or non-physical, human or non-human. Make sure to light your candle as you share.



*"The genius of Jesus' ministry is that he embraces tragedy, suffering, pain, betrayal, and death itself to bring us to God. There are no dead ends.*

*Everything can be transmuted, and everything can be used. Everything."*

*— Richard Rohr*

### 3. RESPONDING TO GOD

#### “We Remember Them,” Jewish Prayer Of Remembrance

*by Jack Riemer and Sylvan Kamens*

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.  
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.  
In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.  
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.  
In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.  
In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.  
When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.  
When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.  
When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them  
So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,  
as we remember them.

#### Responsive Reading (Revelation 21:1-6a)

**S:** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;

**C:** for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,

**S:** and the sea was no more.

**C:** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

**S:** prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**C:** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

**S:** "See, the home of God is among mortals.

**C:** God will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

**S:** God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;

**C:** mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

**S:** And the one who was seated on the throne said,

**C:** "See, I am making all things new."

**S:** Also he said,

**C:** "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

**S:** Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

#### Music

#### Joys and Concerns

#### Sending

