

## Sunday Service: May 3, 2020

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### *“Tipping Points and Tsunamis”*



In Sunday’s service, Steve will interview Renee, who has been living in our building since January. It has been a very eventful time for her to say the least! She is one of the main instigators for opening up the church to house vulnerable folks during the Covid - 19 pandemic.

She provides some interesting and unique insights as well as some hope-filled challenges to all of us as we consider the future of our outreach in our community.

*“No one should ever be forced to choose between food and education, or medicine and shelter when they don't have the resources. It's very unfair.” — Rachel Brosnahan*

*“If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.” — Francis of Assisi*

**Links to YouTube videos appear within the service as you follow along.**



## 1. GATHERING



- **Prelude:** Gimme Shelter  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJtq6OmD- Y&list=RDGJtq6OmD- Y&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJtq6OmD-Y&list=RDGJtq6OmD-Y&start_radio=1)
  
- **Call to Worship:** Based Psalms 118 (**L:** leader, **P:** people)
  - **ALL:** God is our refuge and strength, a very real help whenever we are in trouble.
  - **L:** Okay, so then you won't be afraid even when the earth's climate changes, or when the earthquakes and the mountains crumble, or hurricanes and tsunamis cause the seas to roar and foam and even when a viral pandemic darkens the sky.
  - **ALL:** (Selah: stop and listen)
  - **P:** We shall be still and wait until God comes to help us.
  - **L:** Like a river fed by mountain streams, God can refresh our weary souls!
  - **P:** And we shall float motionless in mid-stream!
  - **L:** And if God is in our midst nothing should be able to shake our hope and confidence.
  - **P:** God's help is as certain as the morning's dawn.
  - **L:** The leaders of nations may stomp up and down, lie and pout. But rulers and kingdoms always come and go!
  - **P:** We will be still, knowing that the Lord of hosts is with us forever.
  - **ALL:** (Selah: pause and take note)
  - **L:** God will bring an end to violence and wars, since the Lord can snap arrows and spears with his breath and squish aircraft carriers with his little finger.
  - **P:** We will remain still knowing that God is love and peace!
  - **L:** The Lord of everything is with us; the God, who was faithful to our ancestors is also our refuge.
  - **ALL:** (Selah, amen... may it be so!)

*“Even when a person has all of life's comforts - good food, good shelter, a companion - he or she can still become unhappy when encountering a tragic situation.” — Dalai Lama*





▪ **Confessional Prayer:** (sung)

Shepherd me O God  
beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears,  
from death into life.

God is my shepherd,  
so nothing shall I want.  
I rest in the meadow  
of faithfulness and love.  
I walk by the quiet waters  
of peace.



Complete song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFgZGIZ5t80>

## 2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

▪ **Scripture:** 1 Kings 19:11- 13, Matthew 12:7-22

1 Kings 19:11 "Go out and stand before me on top of the mountain," the Lord said to him. Then the Lord passed by and sent a furious wind that split the hills and shattered the rocks - but the Lord was not in the wind. The wind stopped blowing, and then there was an earthquake - but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake there was a fire - but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the soft whisper of a voice. 13 When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, "Elijah, what are you doing here?"

Matthew 12:7 The scripture says, "It is kindness that I want, not animal sacrifices." ...9 Jesus left that place and went to a synagogue, 10 where there was a man who had a paralyzed hand... 13 Then he said to the man with the paralyzed hand, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it became well... he went away from that place; and large crowds followed him. He healed all the sick 16 and gave them orders not to tell others about him. 17 He did this so as to make come true what God had said through the prophet Isaiah: 18 "Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, the one I love, and with whom I am pleased. I will send my Spirit upon him, and he will announce my judgment to the nations. 19 He will not argue or shout or make loud speeches in the streets. 20 He will not break off a bent reed, nor put out a flickering lamp. He will persist until he causes justice to triumph, 21 and on him all peoples will put their hope." 22 Then some people brought to Jesus a man who was blind and could not talk because he had a demon. Jesus healed the man, so that he was able to talk and see.



**Message:** "Tipping Points and Tsunamis"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imUVLKqLyM0&feature=youtu.be>

### 3. RESPONDING TO GOD



- **Singing: When the Storms of Life are Raging**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpjYwXjmnCE&list=RDBpjYwXjmnCE&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpjYwXjmnCE&list=RDBpjYwXjmnCE&start_radio=1)

- **Reflections and Responses**

- **Joys and Concerns**

**These are the prayers from last week:**

- Pray for those who occupy the church building (Angels and Apostles) while we are away! We are truly grateful for all they are doing to fix up the place and keep up our ministry to those in need!
- Ongoing prayers for Gloria who was in the hospital again last week and was later released.
- Pray for Annie's good friend, Renee, who is in her third week of struggling with Covid-19.
- Pray for those suffering with Covid-19 all around our world and for all those who are on the front lines, caring for the sick.
- Pray for Keith and his family as they consider placing his father in hospice.
- Pray for Bjorn and Maurice as they deal with the bureaucracy around Bjorn's visa extension.
- Pray for Gus who is not sleeping well due to back and neck pain. He is also waiting for cataract surgery and hopes it can be rescheduled soon.
- Pray for Erin when she begins Mennonite Voluntary Service next year in Alamosa, CO!



*“Housing is absolutely essential to human flourishing. Without stable shelter, it all falls apart”. — Matthew Desmond*



- **Sending into God's World: Stand by me**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Us-TVg40ExM&list=RDGJtq6OmD-Y&index=2>

- **Closing**

- **Post Service Conversation**

Now's the time to chat with everyone via Zoom!

