

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Covenant at the Conclusion of the Flood



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LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

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- **SERVICE OF LIGHT**
- **EVENING HYMN**
- **EVENING THANKSGIVING**
- **PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES**

READING: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is

with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Word of God, Word of Life **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Rev. M. Craig Barnes is an American Presbyterian minister and professor who served as president of Princeton Theological Seminary. (Note: when he speaks about recent events, this sermon is from November 2019).

HYMN: “Shades of Purple, Shades of Blue”

(sung to the tune of “For the Beauty of the Earth”)

Shades of purple, shades of blue, green and yellow, orange, red —
Noah and his family, too, saw the rainbow overhead.
God, Creator, high above you displayed your sign of love.

Soon new life was springing forth, filling land and sea and air.
God, you chose to bless the earth with the promise of your care —
And your promised love extends far beyond our human friends.

In the rainbow, you were clear: every living thing has worth.
You love every creature here on this planet we call Earth.
God, forgive when we destroy gifts from you that bring you joy.

May your church begin to see in that rainbow high above:
We are daily called to be stewards of this world you love.
Since the earth is dear to you, may we treat it kindly, too.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER (continued)

- **THE ANNUNCIATION AND THE
MAGNIFICAT**
- **LITANY AND PRAYERS**
- **FINAL BLESSING**

*Offering Plate is at the back of the church
on your way in & out.*