

**“GOD BLESS THIS CHAOS”**

**PRELUDE**                      **Eric Whitacre’s Virtual Choir 6: “Sing Gently as One”**  
<https://youtu.be/lnULYfJHKI0>

**MUSIC SELECTIONS**                      Pastor Lori Douglas Weaver, *COS Music Director*

**GREETING**    Grace Wallace, *COSSO Coordinator*

**WELCOME**    Rev Dr Joon-Sik Park, *COSSO Director*

**INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP**                      Rev Dr Rebeka Maples, *COSSO Director of Spiritual Formation*

**OPENING RESPONSES**

LEADER: For the gift of creation,

**ALL: Thank you, God**

LEADER: For land and water, wind and rain

**ALL: Thank you, God**

LEADER: For the scripture stories and Jesus among us

**ALL: Thank you, God**

LEADER: For each one here, new friends and old,

**ALL: Thank you, God**

**OFFERING OUR PRAYERS**

But before we can settle into all the reading and writing that’s ahead of you – let’s share some of our joys and concerns. Please unmute yourself or type in the Chat box and offer your prayer –  
*(pause for prayers)*

**PRAYER**

LEADER: Let us join our prayers together:

**ALL: Lord God, in the gift of this day and in these two-weeks of study, help us to be present to each other, give us strength to release the stress that we bring, that we may embrace the challenges of new ideas and make a difference in the world, for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**    **GENESIS 1:1-2**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

**IN TIMES OF CHAOS**                      *Rev. Dr. Rebeka Maples*

**HYMN**                      **Lloyd T. Hayes “He Who Began A Good Work In You” TFWS #2163**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2kvljMuwzY>

**BLESSING FOR A NEW TERM**

Please join me in this blessing for a new term:

**Loving God, we ask you to be with us in our studies during these 2 weeks.**

**Be with us as we gather each day on social media and share our stories.**

**Help us to listen to each other**

**and to care for one another even in our distance.**

**May we enjoy our learning**

**and discover more about our differences and what we have in common.**

**Make us better pastors and good learners.**

**Loving God, bless us with your love,**

**with your kindness, with your peace,**

**and may we experience moments of joy in the work you set before us! Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

***MercyMe – Quarantine Grab Bag “Happy Dance”***

<https://youtu.be/0RIGiTHImKM>

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