

Good evening all,

As I was preparing this Sunday's worship service yesterday, the rains were falling fast and sure. I'm going to be preaching on Noah and the Ark on Sunday (it is a Stump the Preacher text: why would God do this?) and so it was very apropos to be thinking and praying about it during a downpour! We may or may not be able to have this video as part of the service on Sunday, so I will offer it here. You may recognize it? Our awesome choir sang it in the last few years. The woman who wrote it - Jan Garrett was living in an area with uncontrollable fires, and each night, she would dream of rain and lush greenery. Is this the world God calls us to create? One of peace, sustainability and wholeness? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APvclaw-sr8>

Are you tired of the pandemic? You are not alone. Nadia Bolz-Weber has written a beautiful reflection and prayer of her own malaise. She was the founder of House for All Saints and Sinners in the states and has written a book or two. She uses what some consider 'vulgar' language - not in her prayers, but in this piece at the end, so just be aware of that. https://nadiabolzweber.substack.com/p/sunday-prayers-july-5th-2020?utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=web&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1owJUDaIZyw0X_b9NuxskICE8Hy1RqdvQjdCqMP5zhL90-MP-wdn8Ye4

Hope you all are doing well, and as always, if you are struggling and need to talk, I will listen.

Summer Blessings,

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