



**SERVICE OF LAMENTATION FOR THE WORLD**  
**September 20, 2020, 7:00PM ET**

(Based on Lamentations 1, 3; Psalm 90; Romans 8)

**CALL OF LAMENTATION**

One: How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!

**Many: She that was great among the nations!**

One: She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;

**Many: The roads to our cities mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;**

One: All her gates are desolate, her people groan;

**Many: Her young grieve, and her elders mourn.**

**All: Hear our cries, O Lord!**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**SONG OF LAMENT**

“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”

trad. African American Spiritual

**LAMENT FOR OUR STRUGGLE** (Spoken in Unison)

**Detroit remembers, in the days of her affliction and lockdown,  
all the precious things that were hers in days of old.**

**Her people cry out as they search for bread;**

**They trade their treasures for food to revive their strength.**

**They struggle to pay rent and keep their water on.**

**We wrestle with:**

**Our fear of infection and hospitalization;**

**Our isolation and loneliness;**

**Our loss of our regular routines:**

**We weep for those for whom there have been no memorial services,**

**No proper closure, no visitations and remembrances.**

**Hear our cries, O Lord.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**SONG OF LAMENT**

“Be Still, My Soul”

Borthwick

**CALL OF LAMENTATION**

One: Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

**Many: Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me.**

One: For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;

**Many: For a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage;**

One: My children are desolate, for the enemy has prevailed.

**LAMENT FOR THOSE WE HAVE LOST** (Spoken in Unison)

**We remember the two hundred thousand who have died in our nation;  
We remember the nine hundred thousand who have died around the world;  
Friends and strangers;  
Doctors and nurses;  
Law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics;  
Parents and children;  
Grandparents and grandchildren;  
Veterans and active duty military;  
Neighborhood heroes and neighborhood acquaintances:  
Teachers and mentors:  
Hear our cries, O Lord.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**SONG OF LAMENT**

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

Costen

**CALL FOR RESTORATION**

One: Turn, O Lord! Have compassion on your people!  
**Many: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,**  
One: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
**Many: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,**  
One: and as many years as we have seen evil.  
**Many: Let your work be manifest to your servants,**  
One: and your glorious power to their children.  
**Many: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,**  
One: and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
**Many: O prosper the work of our hands!**

**AFFIRMATION OF HOPE** (Spoken in Unison)

**We believe:  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God’s mercies never come to an end;  
They are new every morning;  
Great is your faithfulness.**

**We are convinced:  
That neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons,  
neither the present nor the future  
nor any powers,  
neither height nor depth  
nor anything else in all creation  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**SONG OF HOPE**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Croft

**BENEDICTION**

Worship leaders: Dr. John Judson, Rev. Bethany Peerbolte, Andrew Herbruck, Organist, Gregory Ashe, tenor