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What are we living for when everything
We've lived for starts to slip away? "We live
For God," we say, "redeeming and reclaiming
All of fallen life, a calling set in motion by
The risen Christ, redeeming and reclaiming
Us from death's dark curse." We chant the Creed
Together, pray and read the Testaments, livestream
Or Zoom our messages from church, then watch
As meetings, classes, habits of a lifetime change.
Our daily bread and work and walk help ease
Conflicted thoughts evoked by media's tumid flow.
But lying sleepless in our beds as humid months go
By and tensions grow, we think Augustine—lying
In his bed near death, as hordes invaded, ending
Roman rule—had done the same as we, and even
More to bring the Kingdom in, then took his rest
And left the world and time to God, his faithful savior,
Jesus Christ. As Keats would say, "That's all ye know
On earth and all ye need to know."