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*Mary Dengler – September 2020*

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."