

“AND THE LORD SAID TO ME,



‘AMOS, WHAT DO YOU SEE?’”

AMOS 7:8

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Eternal God, from the foundation of the world, you have set a plumb line to measure our lives so that we may live in truth. By the power of your Spirit, strengthen our hands for building justice and making peace through the righteousness of Christ. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance
Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Hobby

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. John White

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.
ALL: *Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.*
One: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground.
ALL: *Righteousness will look down from the sky.*
One: Let us worship God.
ALL: *Amen.*

*HYMN: 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Will we hear the prophet's words? When we stand next to God's plumb line, will we be truthful about how we do not measure up? Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Holy God, you send prophetic truth-tellers to shed light on the ways we have failed, the ways we need to grow, the ways we can be and become better. Yet, we turn from these harsh truths. We avoid situations where we might receive constructive criticism. We disempower people whose voices are necessary for our own growth and liberation. Forgive us, we pray, and help us become willing listeners to your prophets, to people of different perspectives and to those bold enough to preach and speak the truth. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: God says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (*Hymn #581*)

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ACT OF PRAISE

It is Well with My Soul
Harrison Holt

Courtney

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:7-15
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Rev. Courtney Bowen

SERMON

"What Do You See?"

Rev. Courtney Bowen

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Rev. John White

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ
through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all
ministries of the Church. (continued)

**Congregation standing, if able*

*In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it,
pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

OFFERING

Rev. John White

OFFERTORY

*Prelude on NETTLETON
Dr. Terry McRoberts*

Marshall

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. John White

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 738** *Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

SENDING

***CHARGE**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on LOBE DEN HERREN
Dr. Terry McRoberts*

Young