

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words (Worship Ways)

Response: We will listen – we will hear!

The prophets of old spoke of God’s justice, even when it was unwelcome.
Who will hear their message?

We will listen - we will hear!

Responding to God’s call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching all who would listen.

Who will hear his message?

We will listen - we will hear!

God’s prophets are among us still, around the world and in these pews.
Who will hear their message?

We will listen - we will hear!

Opening Hymn Binder # 23 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Prayer of Invocation (Maren C. Tirabassi)

Merciful God, Just God, Faithful God, God of blessing and God of our most difficult times, we come to you for a moment of quiet in our self-made busyness. We come to you for energy in our weariness. We come to you for challenge when we are willing to settle for our own small plans and dreams. We long for the peace of your presence, even as we are afraid of the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us; enter, Spirit of God, into our community and enable us to love and serve you and all your children. Amen

Musical Response: Binder #21 “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Children’s Time

Word in Song: Kat Horstman, Ann Luchterhand, & Tami McQueen

Sacred Reading:

Amos 8:1-12

This is what God showed me: a basket of ripe figs.

God said, "What do you see, Amos?"

"A basket of ripe figs," I replied.

Then God said to me;

"The time is ripe for my people, Israel. I will no longer tolerate their atrocities. The singers in the Temple will wail that day: 'So many corpses scattered anywhere. Hush!'" - It is God who speaks.

Listen to this, you who live off of the needy and oppress the poor of the land, you who say, "If only the New Moon were over so we could sell our grain," and, "When Sabbath is over, we will sell our wheat charging higher prices for smaller portions, thus tilting the scales in our favor. That way, we can buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals – and even make a profit on the chaff of the wheat!" –

God swears by the Pride of Jacob, "I will never forget a single thing you have done."

Will not the land tremble because of this, and all who dwell in it mourn? Will the land not rise up like the Nile, rising and sinking like the river of Egypt?

"That day," - it is God who speaks –

"I will make the sun set at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into funerals and all your happy songs into dirges.

I will have your loins all in sackcloth, your heads all shaved.

I will make the land mourn as one would mourn for a dead child – all of this on that bitter day!

The time is coming when I will send famine on the land: not a famine of bread or thirst for water, but a famine of not hearing the words of God. People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east seeking revelation from God but will not find it.

For the wisdom contained in these holy words we give thanks. Amen.

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn Binder #24 “God, You Spoke Your Word Through Amos”

Prayers of the People (Lord’s Prayer in front of binder)

How Shall We Do God’s Work in the World

Binder #20 “This Little Light of Mine”
Stewardship Moment

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to do
God’s work in the world. Amen

Hymn Hymnal #588 “Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

Benediction

Postlude