

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ADORATION

INTROIT

“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

Bell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Niebuhr, Liturgist

We are thirsty for your justice, O God.

Quench our thirst,

So that out of our hearts,

Shall flow rivers of living water.

*OPENING HYMN #551

“COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME”

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE

“SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME”

(words on wall)

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE WORD

FIRST OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Amos 1:1-2; 5:1-6

Pg. 834 & 838

¹ The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

² And he said: The Lord roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

⁵ Hear this word that I take up over you in lamentation, O house of Israel: ² Fallen, no more to rise, is maiden Israel; forsaken on her land, with no one to raise her up.

³ For thus says the Lord God: The city that marched out a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which marched out a hundred shall have ten left.

⁴ For thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: Seek me and live, ⁵ but do not seek Bethel, and do not enter into Gilgal or cross over to Beer-sheba, for Gilgal shall surely go into exile, and Bethel shall come to nothing.

⁶ Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

Children ages 6 through 5th grade

*HYMN

“MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE”

(Words on Wall)

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Amos 5:7-15, 21-24

pgs. 838-839

⁷ Ah, you who turn justice to wormwood and bring righteousness to the ground! ⁸ The one who made the Pleiades and Orion and turns deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, who calls for the water of the sea and pours it out on the surface of the earth, the Lord is his name, ⁹ who makes destruction flash out against the strong, so that destruction comes upon the fortress. ¹⁰ They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵ Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON