

***Worship Notes***  
***July 13, 2025***  
***Sunday After Pentecost***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV)*

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. In him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

Our God has created each one of us and has called us together in His presence. Let’s join together heart and voice to worship our God. Let’s pray.

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Creator of the Heavens and Earth, and all that is within them. Blessed be your Holy Name. We thank you for naming us among your people and inviting us to this moment of grace. Receive from us the full measure of worship. Where our words fall short, may your Spirit lift our prayers. In your mercy, close the gap that separates us from your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together....

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Psalm 52:1-3*

“Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day. Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right.”

This Psalm was written long ago and addressed to a specific person. But, if we are completely honest with ourselves, we know these words apply to us as well. Let’s confess our brokenness as we pray, saying together,

## **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Psalm 52:8-9*

“I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.”

Friends, believe the Good News  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Loving God, we are surrounded by your light and by your love. Work within us and prepare us to see you more clearly and to love more sincerely. Work through us so that others may see our works and give glory to you. We ask this for your glory and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE #1:**

*Psalm 15*

*A PSALM OF DAVID.*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; <sup>3</sup> who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; <sup>4</sup> in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; <sup>5</sup> who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## SCRIPTURE #2:

*Amos 4:1-5*

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

<sup>2</sup> And he said: “The LORD roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers.”

<sup>1</sup> Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

<sup>2</sup> “You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

<sup>3</sup> “Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet? <sup>4</sup> Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Does a young lion cry out from his den, if he has taken nothing? <sup>5</sup> Does a bird fall in a snare on the earth, when there is no trap for it? Does a snare spring up from the ground, when it has taken nothing? <sup>6</sup> Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster come to a city, unless the LORD has done it?

<sup>7</sup> “For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. <sup>8</sup> The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?”

## SERMON:

### ***The Not So Famous Book of Amos: Broken Religion***

*“Come to Bethel, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression;  
bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days....”*

(Amos 4:4, ESV)