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9:15 AM - July 14, 2024 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ALIVE! Worship Service

#### **INTRODUCTION**

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.



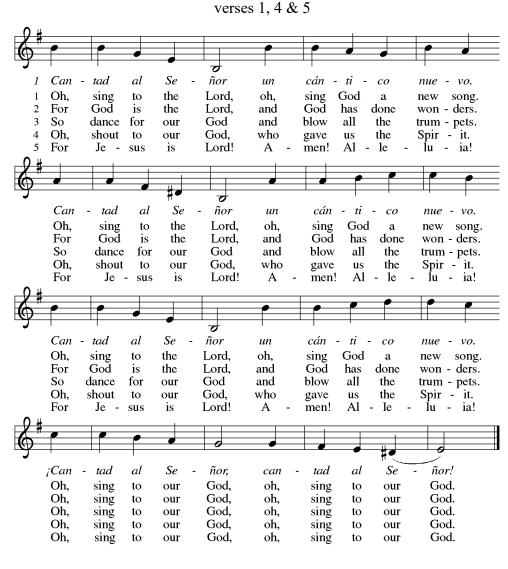
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#### There Is a Redeemer



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Oh, Sing to the Lord

- 2 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 3 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 4 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo. ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!
- 5 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya! ¡Cantad al Señor; cantad al Señor!

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#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

#### KYRIE

#### Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**.

#### Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

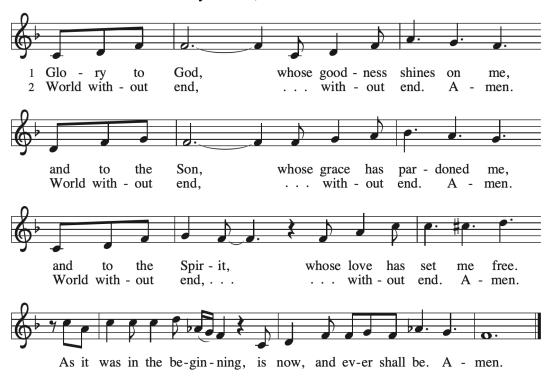
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines



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#### A READING

#### Amos 7:7-15

A reading from Amos.

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

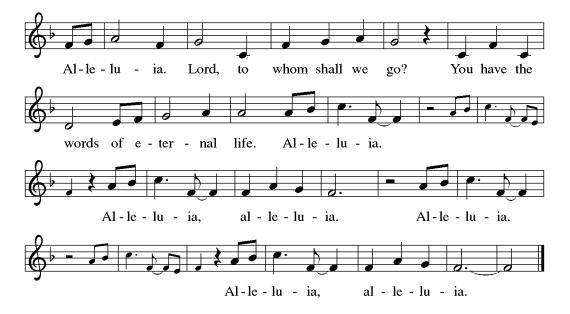
away from his land.'"

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

## The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### GOSPEL

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for this oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### SERMON

#### ANTHEM

#### Hold On to Me

#### Daigle, Duncan, Mabury/arr. Snyder

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

**Pastor Pat Riddle** 

Beloved people of God: In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.** 

#### **OFFERTORY Give Thanks** Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, Son. his Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, 0 0 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son. strong," And now let the weak say, "I let the poor say, "I am am 0 0 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for And us. let the weak say, "I am strong," let the "I am now poor say, Last time 6 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for Give thanks! us.

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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

#### BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** Born, Reborn Refrain Born, re born! Born, re - born! Formed, re - formed! Souls with glad - ness a - dorned! Born, re - born! Born, re - born! now Formed, re - formed! Praise for-ev - er - more! our God 0 -Drown Raise 1 us. Drown us. Raise us. us. 2 Name Heal us. Name us. us. Heal us. Refrain 0 Claim Mark us. us! Claim Mark us. us! Wash Seal us! us. Wash Seal us. us!

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## Worship Assistants



Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Ladies Aid Society and in honor of our At Home Members.

Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Josie Boland Turner and J.I. Boland and in honor of our family by Betty Jo and Scott Cato.



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#### FOR FURTHER STUDY

#### Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

#### Psalm 85:8-13

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell n our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

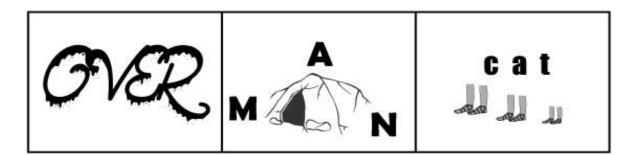
<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go beore the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

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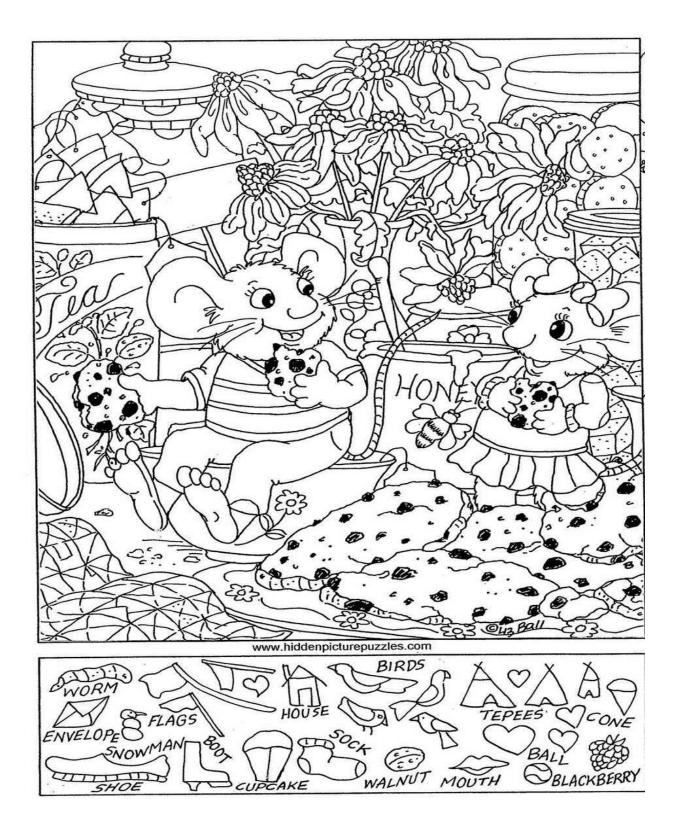
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#### Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Helen Black, Stephen Bradshaw, Mollissa Padgett, Carol Merchant, Callie Fisher, Chris Dowey, Mary Beth McLeod, Cullen Mason, David L. Conrad, Brooklyn Glass, Patricia Elledge, Cody James Rhett Carnes, Mary Beth Gomez.

#### Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Victoria Marchant, Jeanie Jacobs, Lauren Addy, Lib Manus, Dennis Rybicki, Sr. Ron Hutto, Bruce Merchant, Ann Crout, Al & Judy Jordan

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