

“I AM SETTING A
PLUMB LINE

in the midst of my people Israel.”

AMOS 7:8, NRSV



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Henderson, Texas

“Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences”

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2019

God stands in judgment, giving justice to the poor, weak, and lowly.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

We pray that you lead lives worthy of the Lord. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Liturgist - Lynn Tieken

INTROIT

“For Everyone Born”
(Chancel Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Responsive**

We serve the Creator, who loves us into life.

We follow Christ, who loves us unto death.

We listen for the Spirit, who loves us into transformation.

We worship God, whose love knows no bounds.

***HYMN #307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Fosdick, 1930

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, first silently, then together with the Unison Prayer.

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have heard your command to love you, to love our neighbor, and to love ourselves, yet we fall into patterns of shallow devotion, false kindness, and self-doubt. We

have heard your call to do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with you, yet we're drawn to safety, not justice; apathy, not kindness; pacing, not walking. Hear our prayers, O God. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we have left undone. Hear our prayers, O God, and move us to deeper trust and more faithful action.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#580

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.

Word

ANTHEM

“Just When I Need Him Most”

(Whosoever Will Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 82

Bibles,p.512/LG.p.666

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:1-14

Bibles,p.188/LG.p.243

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

How, 1858

SERMON TEXT

Amos 7:7-17

Bibles, p.806/ LG. p.1048

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

“What’s in Your Plumb Line?”

Rev. Dr. Jimmie Reese

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. *Amen.*

Response

***HYMN #342** *“Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor”* Holland, 1902

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - UNISON**

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.32-33)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

Our response this morning is: *we seek your grace.*

LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Selected

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us. Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world, so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Sending

***HYMN #688** *“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”*

Croly, 1867

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the blessing of the Trinity—
holy, holy, holy Lord—
be with you now and always. *Alleluia!*

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here I am; send me!” *Amen.*

***RESPONSE #80** *“You Shall Go Out with Joy”*

Rubin, 1975

POSTLUDE

Selected

(* Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.