A Service of Worship featuring the prophet, Amos

"It is one thing to say with the Prophet Amos, 'Let justice roll down like mighty waters,' and quite another to work out the irrigation system."

William Sloane Coffin

GATHERING AS CHRIST’S CHURCH

Call to Worship *from Psalm 90:1-2,4*

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,**

**or ever You had formed the earth and the world,**

**from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

For a thousand years in Your sight

are like yesterday when it is past,

or like a watch in the night.

**Let us worship God!**

**Hymn Kum ba Yah**

**Prayer of Confession with Psalm 25:1, 4-7, 11**

**To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.**

**Make me to know Your ways, O Lord;**

**teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth,**

**and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.**

**Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love,**

**for they have been from of old.**

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**

**according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness’ sake,**

**O Lord!**

**For Your name’s sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the hardness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness** adapted from Amos 5:14-15

Seek good and not evil, that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts will be with you.

Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;

the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious.

**Thanks be to God!**

ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, strip away our pretense or anything else that deflects your word. Create in us an open heart, ready to be transformed. Amen.

Scripture Amos 1:1; 5:21-24; 8:1-6; 9:11-15

Sermon

GOING OUT AS CHRIST’S DSCIPLES

Offering

**Prayers of the People**

Holy One, you have made us and claimed us through Christ to be your kin-dom and messengers, serving you and bringing forth your reign of justice and peace each day through our choices and actions.

Help us to be wounded healers who bring your peace into the world. As you sent Christ now send us.

We pray for the church around the world in all its local expressions, that we and our leaders may truly be your kin-dom, serving not ourselves but your glory. As you sent Christ now send us.

We pray for religious and secular authorities who speak truth to power. As you sent Christ now send us.

We pray for those who need healing and hope, who cannot see the possibility of a new life. As you sent Christ now send us.

We pray for those in our world who are wounded, who suffer from war, poverty and inequity, racism, sexism, oppression, and diseases of the body or mind. As you sent Christ now send us.

God who claims that your justice will coming rolling down like a mighty river, let your Spirit flow in and through us as bearers of justice, enactors of righteousness, and repairers for true peace. May our lives bear witness to your good Word sown in us that we may bear good fruit and our faith might continue to ripen until that day when your full glory reigns on the earth. In Christ, your faithful witness and our Lord, we pray.

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The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples**

Charge and Benediction

Consider this day the ways in which you are falsely consoled and uncomfortably full.

Consider today how casual attitudes turn us aside from sighs too deep for words.

Consider this day the kingdom and the strange blessing it promises.

And may you be like trees planted by water who yield your fruit in its season.

May the Spirit's love,

flowing like water across the face of the earth,

fill you with every gift for the good of the world.

And the blessing of God, Eternal Source, Fountain of Life, and Giver of Gifts,

be with you always. Amen.

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