



Living Mosaics
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 2019 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Songs #328 “Praise God, All You Nations”
#658 “God Is So Good”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

Faith is fragile in a world plagued by suffering and evil.

Hope is cautious in a world crucified by injustice.

Our world is but a shadow of the greatness for which God created it.

And yet we cling to the vision of scripture

that God intends for the world to become a realm of justice and peace.

Song #29 “O God, You Search Me”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we often fail
to become the people you call us to be.**

We live more in apathy born of cynicism than in passion born of hope.

We are motivated more by private ambition than by social justice.

We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.

Help us to peer deep within ourselves

and recover the divine image within us. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 1:1-4, 10-20

Jim Wilson, Lay Reader

Message

“Injustice Corrupts Worship”

Greg Jones

Song #762

“When the Poor Ones”

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Song #771

“What Is the World Like”

Sending

Song #80

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon. At 10:10 a.m. we offer classes for all ages.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Matthew Hammond Mah (November 10, 1980 – May 8, 2016), the son of Marsha and Dennie Mah. "We are all made of stardust."

Please remember in your prayers Jeff Argus and Helen Kelley.

Children are welcome. Yellow worship bags for children are located the chapel entrance.

Image: Kathe Kollwitz, "Widows and Orphans" (Lithograph, 1919), <https://galleries.illinoisstate.edu/collection/kollwitz-widow/>

Prophetic Spirituality - 2019 Fall Sermon Series

Do the Scriptures reveal wisdom for not merely *surviving* life in the 21st century, but for sculpting a better world? It is essential for people of faith to spend time alone with God in prayer, to reflect on Scripture, and to attempt to discern the whispers of God deep in our soul. However, our interior life is immature if it does not propel us to work for the common good. We can resist the moral deterioration of today and throw ourselves into nudging the world toward God's vision by committing ourselves to following the path of Jesus and the prophets.

As followers of Jesus, we focus the bulk of our attention on his teachings and ministry. However, we stunt our faith if we have scant knowledge of the prophets who came before him, because Jesus stands on the shoulders of the Jewish prophets.

This fall, Dr. Jones is preaching a sermon series entitled "Prophetic Spirituality." To say that our faith is prophetic is to say that we are actively engaged in resisting evil, righting wrongs, and spreading love. To say that our faith is spiritual is to say that it is grounded in worship, prayer, and reflecting on God's message. Prophetic Spirituality intertwines interior work with outward action so that we can go deeper with God and live the life God calls us to live.

September 8	Introduction to Series	"Prophetic Spirituality"
September 15	Moses	"Let My People Go"
September 22	Amos	"Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters"
October 13	Jeremiah	"This is the Temple of the Lord - If you Act Justly with One Another"
October 20	Hosea	"Following Other Gods"
November 10	Isaiah	"Injustice Corrupts Worship"
November 17	Micah	
December 1	Jonah	

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Sudie Niesen Thompson
Pianist: Paul Fleckenstein
Song Leader: Jason Berger
Digital Artist: Bob Cox



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