



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Living Mosaics**  
**September 29, 2019 11:15 a.m.**

*Gathering Song #626*  
*#627*

*“As the Deer”*  
*“I Love You, Lord”*

*Welcome and Living Our Faith*

*Call to Worship*                      From “The Summer Day”  
Mary Oliver

*Song #175*                                “Seek Ye First”

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Baptizing God —  
By water and the Spirit,  
you anoint disciples and witnesses,  
prophets and teachers,  
to make your reign known throughout the earth.**

**But we deny your claim on our lives,  
and pretend we have no part  
in proclaiming the good news.  
You call us to testify to your grace.  
We fall silent.  
You call us to declare your truth.  
We shrink from speaking out.  
You call us to point others to Christ.  
We fade into the crowd and hope others will take the lead.**

**Forgive us, Lord.  
Send your Spirit upon us,  
and re-claim us for your work  
so that our words and deeds might glorify you.**

*Assurance of God’s Forgiveness*

*Passing the Peace*

*Scripture Lesson*

Jeremiah 20:7-12

*Message*

From “When You Consider the Radiance:  
Poetry for Preachers and Prophets”

Christian Wiman

*Offering*

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

*Song #177*

“I Will Come to You”

*Time of Prayer and Reflection*

Christian Wiman reflects on the importance of maintaining a “seeking spirit” and notes that such a posture often demands and encourages new language to speak of God. During this Time of Prayer and Reflection, we turn to poets, whose very craft requires finding new language to speak of all matter of things, including the life of faith. We invite you to choose a poem to read and reflect upon during this time. There are three Meditation Stations in the Meeting Room, which offer opportunities for guided reflection. Or you may use the following questions when pondering the poem you have chosen:

What words, phrases, or images in this poem resonate with you? Why?

How does this poem speak to your relationship with God or your spiritual journey?

*Song #414*

“Be Still and Know That I Am God”

*Song #408*

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

*Sending*

*Song #635*

“Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord”

*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 Teddy Bedrossian by Ned Bedrossian and family.

**Please remember in your prayers** Bill Francis and Jane Palmer.

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

**Image:** "Jeremiah's Fire" by Diane Fairfield, <https://www.dianefairfieldart.com/>

**Video:** Christian Wiman, "When You Consider the Radiance: Poetry for Preachers and Prophets," Lecture delivered on May 12, 2015 at Yale Divinity School, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jm9afkpuwig>.

### Prophetic Spirituality - 2019 Fall Sermon Series

Do the Scriptures reveal wisdom for not merely *surviving* life in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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	
October 27	Hosea	
November 10	Isaiah	
November 17	Micah	
December 1	Jonah	

Pastors: Gregory Knox Jones  
Sudie Niesen Thompson  
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Song Leader: Hye Eun Choi  
Digital Artist: Bob Cox



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