



Hosea

UNFAITHFUL PEOPLE. FAITHFUL GOD.

**Living Mosaics**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 20, 2019 11:15 a.m.**

*Gathering Songs #413* “Come into God’s Presence”  
*#709* “God, We Honor You”

*Welcome and Living Our Faith*

*Call to Worship*

In a world of partial truths, we need a time of truth-telling.

**In a world of many gods, we need to encounter the one true God.**

In a world that makes many demands on our time,

**we need to be confronted by the ultimate claim on our lives.**

*Song #5* “God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Loving God, we have heard your call to discipleship,  
but too often have listened to other voices.**

**We have felt the pull of your Spirit,  
but have turned to other pursuits.**

**We have seen our own lack of meaning,  
yet have searched in places that are empty.**

**Forgive us for ignoring your call,  
and give us the determination to follow your way.  
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*Assurance of God’s Forgiveness*

*Song # 382* “Heaven Is Singing for Joy”

*Passing the Peace*

*Scripture Lesson*

Hosea 1:1-9

*Message*

“Following Other Gods”

Greg Jones

*Song #749*

“Come! Live in the Light!”

*Affirmation of Faith*

**Jesus Christ, as He is attested for us in Holy Scripture,  
is the one Word of God which we have to hear  
and which we have to trust and obey in life and death.  
We reject the false doctrine,  
as though the Church could and would have to acknowledge  
as a source of its proclamation,  
apart from and besides this one Word of God,  
still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God’s revelation.**

*The Theological Declaration of Barmen, (Germany, 1934)*

*Offering*

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

*Prayers of the People*

*Lord’s Prayer*

*Song #669*

“Let’s Sing unto the Lord”

*Sending*

*Song #747*

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

*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 Catherine Myers Moore, mother, and Rachel Davis Myers, grandmother "Nanny", who were long term members of Westminster, by Cassandra Lloyd Piovoso.

**Please remember in your prayers** Linda Depher, Oliver Fooks, Penny McFarland

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

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### 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	"This is the Temple of the Lord - If you Act Justly with One Another"
October 20	Hosea	"Following Other Gods"
November 10	Isaiah	
November 17	Micah	
December 1	Jonah	

Pastors: Gregory Knox Jones  
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