

## Liturgy for Word and Sacrament

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 12, 2017

Centering Ourselves

Improvisation On Today's Hymns - Joel

Gary

Welcome and News of Our Life Together

*Pastor will welcome worshipers*

*Announcements –*

Passing the peace

*Congregation is invited as they are willing and able to greet each other with the peace of Christ.*

**Singing Together - “For The Healing Of The Nations” #576**

**Call to Worship :**

L: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, says the Lord,

**C: And let the one who believes in me drink.**

L: Out of the believer’s heart...

**C: Shall flow rivers of living water.**

**St John's Story – Christine Johnson**

**Anthem – Now Let Us All Praise God And Sing – Gordon Young**

Morning Text: Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15, 21-24

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. And he said: The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream

**Children’s Circle**

**Sermon: Party Pooper**

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Singing together - "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" #588

Praying together: *The pastor will request the congregation share its joys and concerns*

...we ask all these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray.

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

**Honoring Our Covenants:**

**Leader:** We are here to seek good, and not evil. We are here to make a positive difference in the world. We are here to share what we have, however much or little that may be, to extend our good works as far and wide, and as close and near, as possible.

*Ushers will come forward to receive the offering*

**Offertory:** Lied – Louise Vierne

*Ushers will bring the offering plates forward during the singing of the doxology*

**Bringing forward our gifts: Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer:**

We bring our offerings to your altar not that we might make ourselves look good, or find special favor with you, for that is not what you desire, O Lord. Use these gifts and the work of our lives as part of your divine will to overthrow oppression, injustice and inequality everywhere, and in that work, may we find our true peace. Amen..

**Singing together: "God Of The Ages" #592**

**Benediction:** Focus on doing good, to be ready for the call of God.

Go in peace, counting on the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

**Postlude: Sketch in F Minor – Robert Schumann**