

Astoria First United Methodist Church
July 10, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
*(*please stand if you are able)*

GATHERING MUSIC	Linda Laine
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Chuck Albright
WORDS OF WELCOME	Pastor Michael

(WORDS OF WELCOME FOR EVERYONE IN PERSON & ON ZOOM)

CENTERING MUSIC *“Eternal God Transcending Time”* Linda Laine

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(If you are able, please stand)* Chuck Albright

L: I will shout to the Lord you people of God. Bring your petitions before the judgment seat.

P: Worship the one who hears our cries, rescues the perishing, and lifts up the lowly.

L: Call to the Lord, you disciples of Christ. Proclaim your case before God’s holy council.

P: Worship the one who heeds our pleas, frees the captives, and sustains the widows and the orphans.

L: Sing to the Lord, you children of the Most High. Declare your need before our righteous judge.

ALL: Worship the one who responds to our needs, heals our wounds, and fills our world with light.

*OPENING HYMN *(verses 1-4)* Congregation
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” UMH#103

*OPENING PRAYER Pastor Michael

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:1-17
Chuck Albright

This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” *Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”*

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.”” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. “You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ Therefore, thus says the Lord: “Your wife shall be a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided up with a measuring line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Sonata in A Minor”
by Jin Antonin Benda

Linda Laine

PSALTER

(Read & Sing Responsively)
“Psalm 82”

Chuck Albright
UMH#804

CALL TO RECONCILIATION UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Michael
Congregation
Led by our Liturgist, Chuck Albright

We see them daily, Lord. We see them everywhere as we go about our business: the weak and the helpless, the abused and the homeless, the victims and the vanquished. We are no different than the men in your story — the ones who refused to help the beaten man on the road to Jericho. We too have passed by those in need on the other side of the road. We too have refused to help and have consciously chosen to remain uninvolved. Forgive our indifference. May we become like the outcast Samaritan, who did everything in his power to help the suffering. In your Holy and Merciful Name, we pray. **AMEN**

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Michael

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

(verses 1-3)

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Congregation

UMH#454

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1:1-14

Chuck Albright

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Michael

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

(Please Remain Standing for the Offertory Prayer)

***UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Congregation

Holy God, source of all good things, we ask that the gifts we offer to you this day would be dedicated to bringing your kin-dom of love, justice, and compassion into being in our midst. We acknowledge that when this service is over, it will be tempting to put our blinders back on, keep our focus on what’s right in front of us, and not see that which is all around us. Help us to see both the beauty of your caring and the ugliness of our indifference. We our prayer in the Name of Christ pray this in Christ’s name. **AMEN**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:25-37
Pastor Michael

SERMON

“The Spirit and the Letter of the Law”

Pastor Michael

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Frances Gunn

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Michael

LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom (kin-dom) come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, (kin-dom), the power, and the glory, forever. **AMEN***

***CLOSING HYMN**

(verses 1-4)
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Congregation
FWS#2171

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Michael

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We now have recordings of the worship services available.
We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC
as they join us for worship.

**A Charge Conference is scheduled for
Thursday, July 14 at 10 am by Zoom
to vote on the new pastoral compensation package.
DS Wendy will preside.**

If authorized as a charge conference, council members can vote,
but congregational members could have voice.

We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.
Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.
If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.
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