

*The Holy Spirit
gathers us in unity on the
first day of the week.*

*Composer Te-ngai Hu adapted this
Chinese melody for use as a beautiful
morning hymn (see #852 in the pew
hymnal). The tune name means "heavenly
peace."*



*God speaks to us in
scripture reading,
preaching, and song.*



HOLY COMMUNION

*Global Mission Sunday
Amos: Justice Rolls Down*

Sunday, November 14, 2021
8:30 a.m. Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Golden Breaks the Dawn" (China)

Traditional Chinese

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

OPENING DIALOGUE

P In the beginning, when there was chaos, God said, "Let there be light."

AI **And there was light.**

P In the beginning, when it was very quiet, the Word was with God

AI **and what God was, the Word was.**

P When the time was right, God sent his Son

AI **to dwell with us, to be one of us.**

P Blessed God, Three yet One, treasury of blessings, giver of life:

AI **Come now and abide with us.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

AI **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

God of all people, guide us in your ways that let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream. Create justice and righteousness in us, that we may all see your likeness in the vast diversity of your people and we can celebrate the way you bless us. We pray this in the name of Jesus and in all the holy names of God.

AI **Amen.**

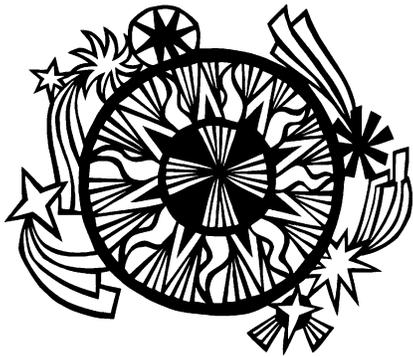
(Please be seated)

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Today's narrative reading is from the book of Amos:



^{1:1}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. ²And he said:

The Lords roars from Zion,
and utters his voice from Jerusalem;
the pastures of the shepherds wither,
and the top of Carmel dries up.

^{5:14}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.

¹⁵Hate 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.

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even 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.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God. Word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-44

The Holy Gospel according to John.

AD Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." ⁴¹Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? ⁴²Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" ⁴³So there was a division in the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

AD Praise to you, O Christ.



The songs on which these works are based can be found in our pew hymnal, #554 and 822 respectively. Although of Brazilian origin, the Spanish version of "Cantad al Señor" (by the late Gerhard Cartford, a Central member) has become one of the most popular hymns in the Latino repertoire. We sing it as today's closing hymn.



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Lord, Your Hands Have Formed This World" Traditional Filipino melody
"Cantad al Señor" Traditional Brazillian

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray for the church and for the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

(Brief Silence)

Each petition concludes:

For your love and goodness:

We give you thanks O God.

P Having gathered our prayers, we offer them to you O God, confident that they are received and held in your holy name.

Al Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Al And also with you.

(Please remain standing)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

Al And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

Al We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Al It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Healing, restoring, hold God . . .

. . . In your church throughout the world, now and forever.

Al Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Janáček (1854-1928) was a Czech composer, musical theorist, teacher and folklorist. Much of his music is inspired by Moravian folksongs. (Moravia is the eastern section of what is now the Czech Republic.) Janáček composed symphonic works, chamber pieces, operas, oratorios and liturgical works (the Central Choir has performed his setting of the Lord's Prayer for tenor solo, choir, harp and organ twice).

*God blesses us
and sends us in mission to
the world.*

Son of missionary parents (born in Madagascar) former Central member Gerhard Cartford (1923-2016) was instrumental in the publication of the ELCA's "Libro de liturgia y cantico" in 1998. The Spanish text of the original Portuguese is his work.

Mexican composer Noble (1925-1999) founded the Coral Mexicano del Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, the Centro de Convivencia Coral and the Coro del Ballet Folklórico de México. He conducted that latter ensemble for President Kennedy at the White House. During his career he traveled widely throughout Europe and North and South America performing on both organ and guitar.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

"The Virgin of Frýdek"

Leoš Janáček

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

A Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

A Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"O Sing to the Lord"

Hymn 822
Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Toccatina"

Ramón Noble



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Pastor Melissa Pohlman *preaching*
Jeff Block *assisting minister*
Carl and Joy Follingstad *reading*

Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio,
Isaac Drewes *organists*
Ian Snyder *violinist*

Mark Kieffer *sound operator*
Richard Stegall, Diane Olson,
Bill Masche *sacristans*
usher ministry team

This service is being streamed live on the internet at www.centralmpls.org.

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Liz and Karl Evert in loving memory of Liz's Aunt Miriam Hof on the anniversary of her passing in 2020. Additional flowers are given by the family of John Hagman in honor of John's 96th birthday on November 15. If you wish to donate flowers, contact Judy Korogi at 612-788-1288.



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