

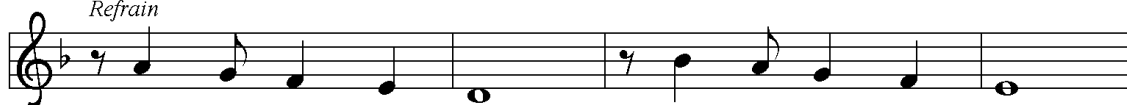
# Redeemer Church

## Sunday 14 July 2024

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. When John the Baptist speaks truth Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

### Have You Thanked the Lord?

*Refrain*



Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?



Don't you know that no to-mor-row is quite the same?



Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,



and re-joiced that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?



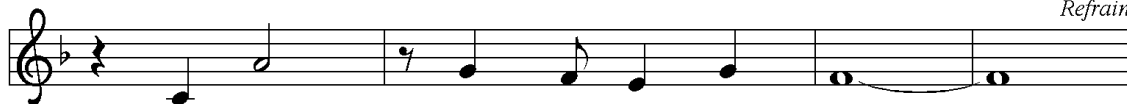
- 1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea,
- 2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Par - a - dise we taste where we are;
- 3 Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy and peace the Sav - ior will bring.



ev - 'ry star at night that shines for you and me.  
sum-mer breez - es, win - ter warmth are nev - er far.  
Grace a - maz - ing! So we lift our voice and sing,



Bless - ings so man - y come our way:  
God's love is ev - er on dis - play:  
grate - ful when clouds are bright or gray:



*Refrain*

have you thanked the Lord to - day?  
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## ✠ Confession & Forgiveness

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L Most merciful God,

**C We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways, to the glory  
of your holy name. Amen.**

L God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we  
were dead in sin, and made us alive  
together with Christ. By Grace you  
have been saved. In the name of Jesus,  
your sins are fully forgiven.  
May almighty God strengthen you  
with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts  
through faith. **Amen!**

## ✠ Prayer of the Day

O Holy God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## ✠ First Lesson {Amos 7:7-15}

### Today's Reader: Christina Kotik

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

Our First Lesson is taken from Amos the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter,

<sup>7</sup>This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?"

"A plumb line," I replied.

Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

<sup>9</sup> *“The high places of Isaac will be destroyed  
and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined;  
with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.”*

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For this is what Amos is saying:

*“Jeroboam will die by the sword,  
and Israel will surely go into exile,  
away from their native land.”*

<sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup> Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

### ✠ **Psalm 85:8-13 {Read Responsively}**

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what God the LORD says;  
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—  
but let them not turn to folly.

<sup>9</sup> **Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Love and faithfulness meet together;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,  
and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed give what is good,  
and our land will yield its harvest.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness goes before him  
and prepares the way for his steps.**

### ✠ **Second Lesson {Ephesians 1:3-14}**

*In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

Our Second Lesson is taken from Ephesians the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter,

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might

be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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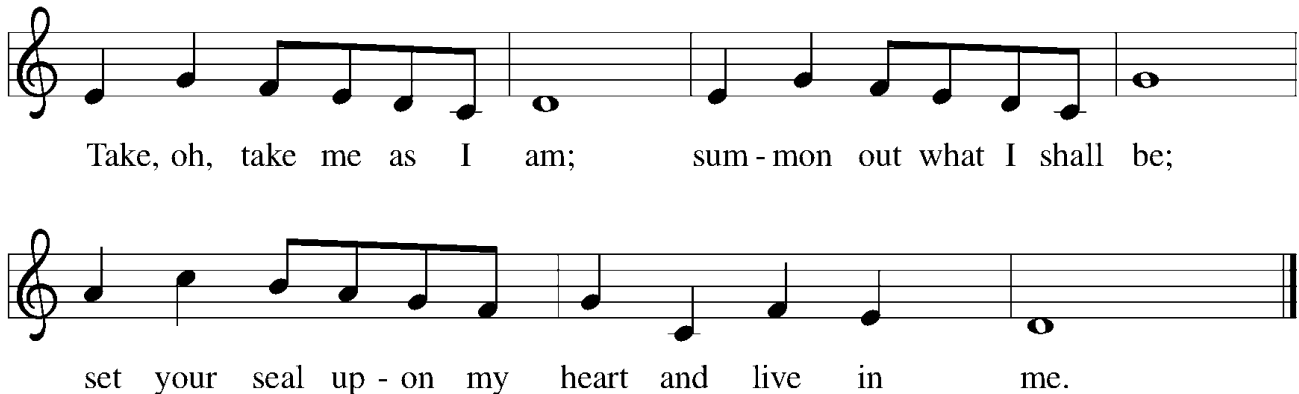
### ✦ Penny Offerings & Children's Time

*(Sung as children gather) Praise Him, Praise Him. Praise Him in the morning, Praise Him in the noontime. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down.*

### ✦ Holy Gospel Reading {Mark 6:14-29}

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

## Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



Take, oh, take me as I am;      sum - mon out what I shall be;  
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter,  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of the disciples' preaching, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

<sup>15</sup> Others said, "He is Elijah."

And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

<sup>19</sup> So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup> Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." <sup>23</sup> And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?"  
"The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

<sup>25</sup> At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

<sup>26</sup> The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ✠ Sunday Praise: Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess  
Bowling here, I find my rest  
Without You, I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Every hour, I need You  
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## ✦ Sunday Message: Pastor Casey Lieneman

### ✦ Offertory Prayer

*We thank you for your support of Redeemer's mission to spread the word of our salvation both near and far. At Redeemer we gather our offering in the basket located at the back of the church.*

Heavenly Father, this Fourth of July, we offer You our gratitude for the blessings of freedom and abundance. Bless this offering as a symbol of our thankfulness and commitment to Your work. May it further Your kingdom, bring hope to the needy, and spread Your love throughout our Hooper community and beyond. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### ✦ Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.*

*Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.*

*suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended into hell.*

*On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen*

### ✦ Our Prayers

Loving Father, we lift up our church family to You today. Bless Pastor Casey, our church leaders, and each member of Redeemer. Grant us unity and a spirit of service as we seek to do Your will in our Hooper community. Help us to be a beacon of Your love and hope to those around us. Strengthen our faith and guide us in our mission to spread the Gospel and serve others in Your name. God of mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, we pray for the world and its many needs. We ask for peace in places of conflict, healing for those who are sick, comfort for those who mourn, and provision for those in need. Be with our elected leaders, giving them wisdom and compassion in their decisions. Help us to be instruments of Your peace and love in our daily lives. God of mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with grateful hearts, acknowledging Your provision and care for all creation. We lift up our farmers and those who labor in the fields, especially those growing corn and soybeans. We pray for favorable weather, that the sun may shine and the rains may fall in just the right measure to

nourish the crops. Lord, we ask for Your blessing upon the soil, that it may be fertile and productive. Protect the crops from pests, disease, and adverse weather conditions. Grant the farmers wisdom, strength, and perseverance as they work tirelessly to bring forth the harvest. God of mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious and Loving God, we thank You for the opportunity to host Vacation Bible School here at Redeemer. We lift up this important ministry to You, seeking Your blessing and guidance. As we prepare to welcome children into our church, we ask that You be present in every aspect of VBS. Bless the organizers, teachers, and volunteers with wisdom, patience, and a heart full of love for the children. May their efforts be guided by Your Holy Spirit, and may they reflect Your love and truth in all they do. God of mercy...

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

## ◆ The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,*

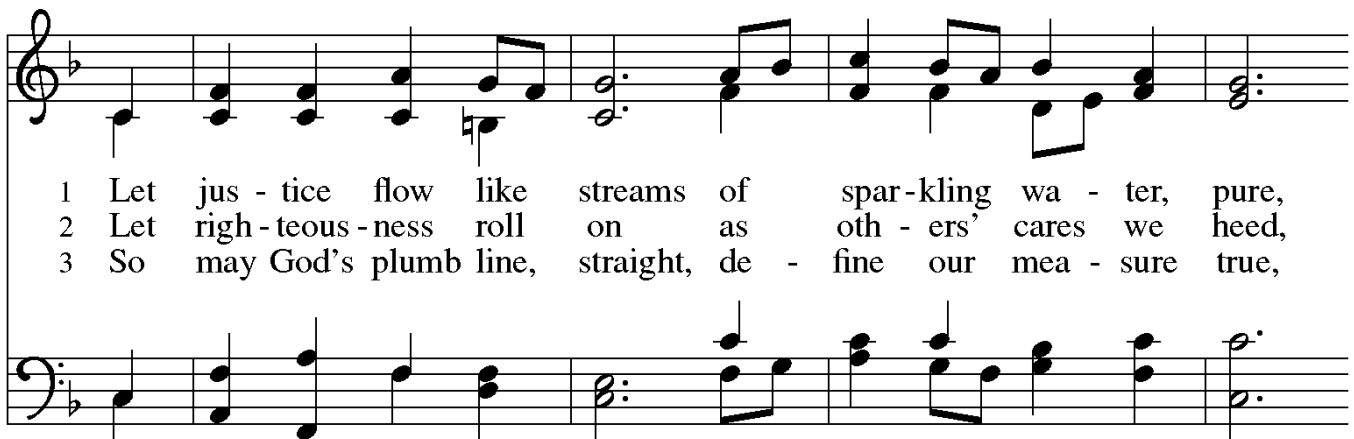
*as we forgive those who trespass against us;*

*and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

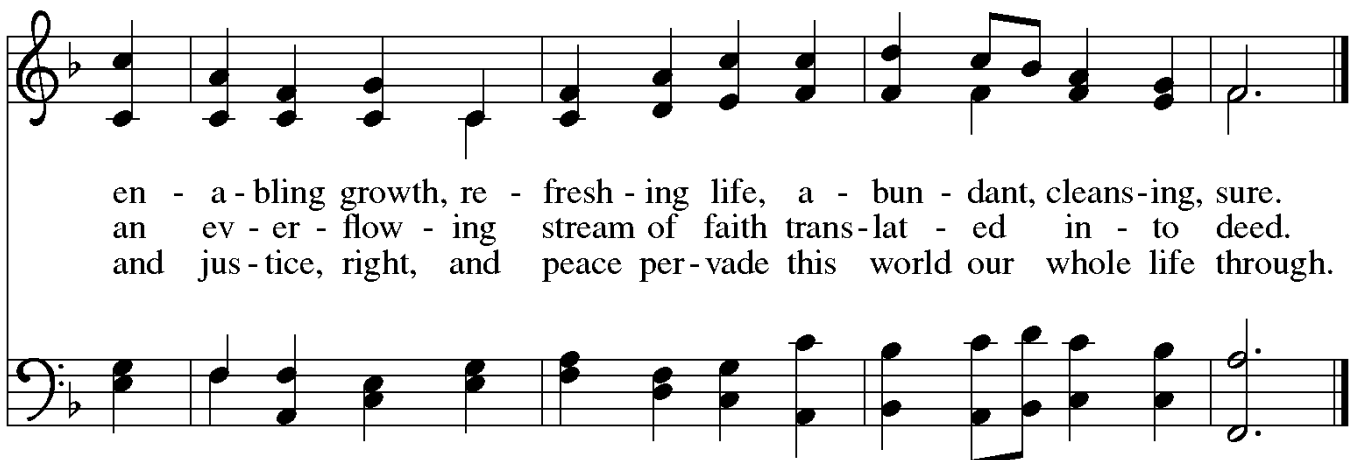
*For thine is the kingdom, and the power,*

*and the glory, forever and ever. Amen*

## Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

## ✠ **Final Blessing**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Follow the Way, Who Is Jesus Christ!

**Thanks be to God.**