Amos 7:7-17 (CEB)

⁷ This is what the Lord showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ The Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

"A plumb line," I said.

Then the Lord said.

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the middle of my people Israel.

I will never again forgive them.

9 The shrines of Isaac will be made desolate,

and the holy places of Israel will be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

- ¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, reported to Israel's King Jeroboam, "Amos has plotted against you within the house of Israel. The land isn't able to cope with everything that he is saying. ¹¹ Amos has said, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will be forced out of its land.""
- ¹² Amaziah said to Amos, "You who see things, go, run away to the land of Judah, eat your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's holy place and his royal house."
- ¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I a prophet's son; but I am a shepherd, and a trimmer of sycamore trees. ¹⁵ But the Lord took me from shepherding the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

16 "Now then hear the Lord's word.

You say, 'Don't prophesy against Israel,

and don't preach

against the house of Isaac.'

17 "Therefore, the Lord proclaims:

'Your wife will become a prostitute in the city,

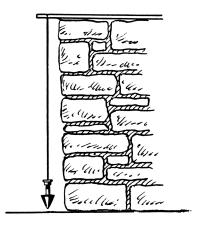
and your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword,

and your land will be measured and divided up;

you yourself will die in an unclean land,

and Israel will surely be taken away from its land."

Boulevard United Methodist Church on Broad



Some cringe at the mere thought of judgment from God. They ask, "How could a loving God make judgments against a covenant people?" It is, however, exactly this loving nature of God that allows such an exacting measure of judgment... - John E. White

July 14, 2019

boulevardumc@gmail.com PO Box 14507 Richmond, VA 23221 (804) 840-1921

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad

Greeting

Trust in the Lord and do good.

May the Lord give strength to the people!

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

God is our refuge and strength.

Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

Time with Children

Joys and Concerns

Hymn Come and Fill Our Hearts 2157

Prayer

Old Testament Lesson Amos 7:7-17

Acclamation Alleluia (Honduras) 2078

Gospel Lesson Luke 10:25-37

Sermon Drew Willson

Hymn There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 121

Offering

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord's Supper

Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians 2223

Dismissal with Blessing

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God...

Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...

And so,

in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYFRYDOL

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples {Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Wayne Harlow, Jen and Harrison Baronian, our country, Grayson Foy, those grieving the loss of Chris Gregory, the Anderson family, the United Methodist Church, Nancy Tate, and Bishop Sharma Lewis. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 years of age begins after the children's moment. They rejoin us for Communion. Our childcare provider is employed by Grace Covenant Child Development Center.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER in numbers:

June 2019 Ministry Costs Your Contributions \$18,274 \$5,764 (incl. apportionment)

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy {Outward}

MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS and more... we celebrate what holy work can be done through human generosity of people like you!

Our Maundy Thursday offering of \$300 this year went to the Virginia Annual Conference offering for United Methodist missions in Africa and right here in the US for immigrant legal counsel.

Our May mission offering of \$400 was for Safe Harbor, which provides the support that survivors of sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking need to overcome their crisis and to transform their lives.

Finally, one Boulevard donor offered \$500 for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Tornado and Flood Relief. Thanks be to God for Christ's Spirit of self-giving at work among us.

Luke 10:25-37 (CEB)

- ²⁵ A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"
- ²⁶ Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"
- ²⁷ He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."
- ²⁸ Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."
- ²⁹ But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
- ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. ³¹ Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³² Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³³ A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' ³⁶ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"
- ³⁷ Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."