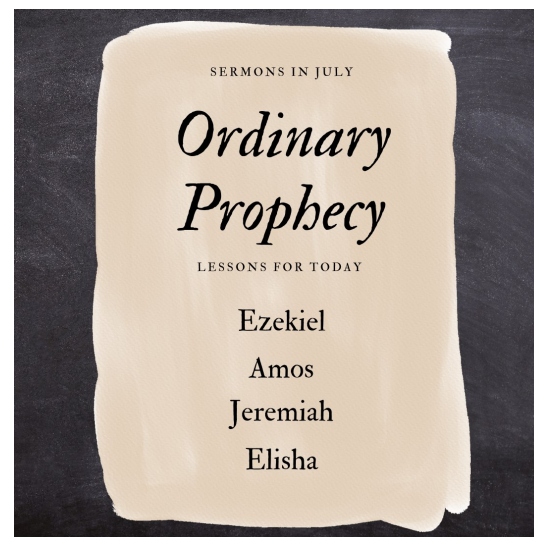


## “Ordinary Prophecy” Sermon Series



For the month of July, get ready to go old-school in worship! We are going to listen to some of the prophets of the Old Testament and hear what they have to say to us today in our modern lives. Anticipate lots of favorite hymns and praise songs, as well as ancient words of Truth and Life!

July 11: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13, Are We Qualified?  
 July 18: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23, Defining the Relationship  
 July 25: 2 Kings 4:42044; Psalm 145:10, Well Supplied

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



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**July 11, 2021**  
 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
 10:30 AM  
 Please silence electronic devices.  
 \*Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” *Williams*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship  
 Hope in Christ!  
**Hear the word of truth, the good news of our salvation.**  
 Believe in Christ!  
**We are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.**  
 Live in Christ!  
**We embrace our inheritance, as children of God.**  
 Live to the glory of Christ!

\*Hymn “He Keeps Me Singing”  
 There's within my heart a melody  
 Jesus whispers sweet and low,  
 Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,  
 In all of life's ebb and flow.

### Bible Reading for July 18

**Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23**  
 Defining the Relationship • *What does your trust in God look like? Is there a metaphor or an image that comes to mind? In the Bible we see God described as a shepherd many times, and our reading this week revisits the image. As you read Jeremiah this week, revisit Psalm 23. Do you feel safe and secure with God? Are you willing to let him care for you?*

Following the service today, there will be a **churchwide potluck**. Please bring a friend and a side dish. No peanuts. Please note if your dish has tree nuts or dairy.

The **5:15 am Exercise Class** has resumed in the gymnasium. Class is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The instructor is Carmen Schrenkel and consists of weights and cardio.

### July Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Needed for July	\$62,235
Received through July	\$16,931

### Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	89
Online:	44

### Calendar

**Sunday, July 11**  
 9:00 AM Food for the Soul Picture, S  
 9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)  
 9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Good Fellowship (CH)  
 10:30 AM Worship Service  
 After Sunday Service-Potluck-FH  
 6:00-8:00 PM Youth, 3rd FL

**Tuesday, July 13**  
 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH  
 2:30 PM Prayer Team  
 5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

**Wednesday, July 14**  
 5:15 AM Exercise Class, G  
 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting-L

**Thursday, July 15**  
 7:00 AM, Men's Java Jaay Bible  
 9:00 AM, Bible Study, L

**Friday, July 16**  
 9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible  
**Sunday, July 18**  
 5:00 PM, Church Council, FH

CH- Chapel  
 FH- Fellowship Hall  
 LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall  
 L - Library

Music Director: Susan Thompson  
 Organist: Virginia Paul  
 "The Church's One Foundation-Scott (c.1998 Lorenz Publishing Co)  
 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" - Williams (c. 1999 Lorenz Publishing Co.)  
 "Heaven Medley, I'll Fly Away" Arr. Russell Mauldin c. 1932 in "Wonderful Message" by Hartford Music Co. Renewed 1960 by Albert E. Brumley & Sons (SESAC)  
 "The Greatness of the Lord" - Miles (c.1998 Lorenz Publishing Co.)  
 CCLI License # 2306531  
 Call to Worship Courtesy of Ministry Matters

### **Chorus**

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,  
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.*

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,  
Discord filled my heart with pain,  
Jesus swept across the broken strings,  
Stirred the slumbering chords again.

### **Chorus**

Feasting on the riches of His Grace,  
Resting 'neath His sheltering wing,  
Always looking on His smiling face,  
That is why I shout and sing.

### **Chorus**

Tho' sometimes He leads through waters deep,  
Trials fall across the way,  
Tho' sometimes the path seems rough and steep,  
See His footprints all the way.

### **Chorus**

Soon He's coming back to welcome me  
Far beyond the starry sky;  
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,  
I shall reign with Him on high.

### **Chorus**

\*Affirmation of Faith *Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
The third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

*\* universal*

\* Greeting

Hymn “Dwelling In The Beulah Land”

Far away the noise of strife upon my ear is falling,  
Then I know the sins of earth beset on every hand:  
Doubt and fear and things of earth in vain to me are calling,  
None of these shall move me from Beulah Land.

### **Chorus**

*I'm living on the mountain, underneath a cloudless sky,  
I'm drinking at the fountain that never shall run dry; O yes!  
I'm feasting on the mana from a bountiful supply,  
For I am dwelling in Beulah Land.*

Far below the storm of doubt upon the world is beating,  
Sons of men in battle long the enemy withstand;  
Safe am I within the castle of God's word retreating,  
Nothing then can reach me—'tis Beulah Land.

### **Chorus**

Let the stormy breezes blow, their cry cannot alarm me;  
I am safely sheltered here, protected by God's hand:  
Here the sun is always shining, here there's naught can harm me,  
I am safe forever in Beulah Land.

### **Chorus**

Viewing here the works of God, I sink in contemplation,  
Hearing now His blessed voice, I see the way He planned:  
Dwelling in the Spirit, here I learn of full salvation,  
Gladly will I tarry in Beulah Land.

### **Chorus**

Prayers of the People

**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. Amen.**

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Hymn “Heaven Medley, I'll Fly Away”

*Arr. Russell Mauldin*

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.  
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.  
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.  
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar,  
for the Father waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there.  
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.  
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Bible Reading — Amos 7:7-15

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

This is what he showed me: 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, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; 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 King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center 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, earn your 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 Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Are We Qualified?”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn “Take The Name of Jesus With You”

Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven;  
Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

\* Sending Forth

\* Musical Gift “The Greatness of the Lord”

*Miles*