



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Welcome! We are glad you are here. If you have a prayer request, comment, or question, please fill out a connection card on the back table.

Nursery and Kids' Church:

Sunday mornings - sign-in each child at the back table.

Our **guys** will be meeting for **breakfast** and studying Daniel on **July 10**.

A **Celebration of Life** Service for Fred Bolton will be **today at 3 pm**.

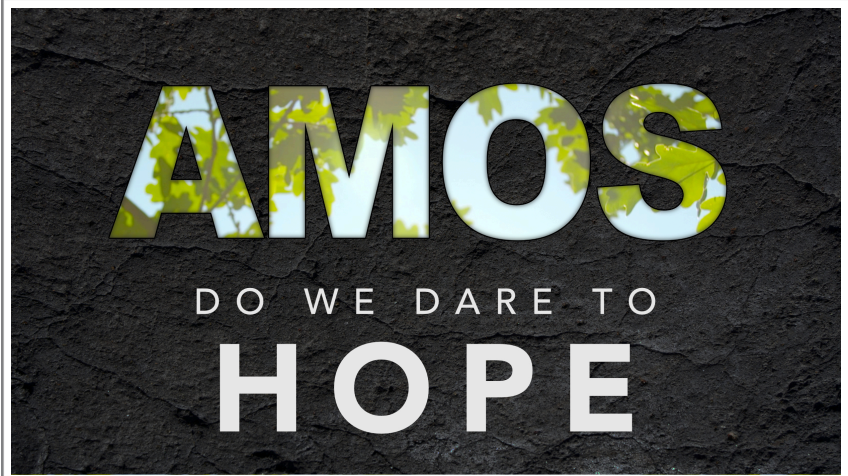
Are you interested in joining a **Grace Group**? Please contact Paul and Paula Kreitzer for more information.

Fourth of July Barbecue after the service. For more information, contact Kalehua.

Food Drive is next Sunday.

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Amos

The Sovereign Creator Requires Justice

Big Idea of Amos: The Sovereign Creator has a case against His people and will punish them, but He will restore them in the end.

- Judgment against the surrounding nations
- Then the shoe drops on Israel
- The northern kingdom Israel will go into exile

So Amos, do we dare to hope?

DIVING DEEPER

- 1:1 — Introduction
- 1:2-2:16 — Judgment Speeches to all the nations
- 3:1-6:14 — Judgment Speeches to Israel
- 7:1-9:10 — Judgement Visions concerning Israel
- 9:11-15 — Salvation Promises to Israel

“The day of the Lord” — Exodus 12:21-27 & Amos 5:4-27

(Not to be confused with “The Day of the Lord” that Joel prophesies about)

“The day of the Lord” is an event in time when God brings judgment on oppressors in order to relieve the oppressed. The Passover event serves as an archetype to best understand this concept. In Exodus 12, we learn that God’s judgment passed through Egypt to hold the nation accountable and passed over Israel to rescue them from death and slavery. God then instructed the people of Israel to observe Passover every year, so that they would remember His deliverance and defense of the afflicted. For Israel, the Day of the Lord was something to celebrate, until Israel began to resemble their former oppressors.

This brings us to the prophet Amos, who exposes Israel’s exploitation of the poor and calls on them to change. Israel is now engaging in the same corrupt ways of Babylon and Egypt. They have made themselves into God’s enemy, and the day of the Lord, which once brought their rescue, will now bring God’s justice.

- Compare the Passover event (Exodus 12:21-27) with the judgment heading towards Israel because of their corruption (Amos 5:16-20). Notice how the words “pass through” or “pass over” are used in both passages. What do you observe, and why is this significant?
- Review Amos 5:21-24. God calls his people to show their love for Him by loving others. So when Israel robs the poor while offering gifts of worship, God can’t stand it and won’t accept their gifts. How does Israel serve as a mirror for communal reflection and self-critique? Identify one specific area in your life, in our community, or in our country where love for people is neglected while religious rituals continue.
- God urges his people to “let justice roll on like a river, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream (Amos 5:24).” The Bible defines justice as actions that correct injustice, and righteousness refers to upholding the standard of right equitable relationships between people despite social differences. What is one practical thing you can do to act with justice and righteousness this week?