

# Hosea - God's Pursuing Love

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.*

From Hosea 6:1-3

Come, let us return to the Lord  
for he has torn us that he may heal us  
he has struck us to bind us up  
He will revive us He will raise us up  
that we may live before Him  
Let us know let us press on to know the lord  
he will come to us as the spring rains that water the earth



# CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

*A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.*

## CONFESSION

LEADER

Father, you are an all-sufficient, passionate God,  
Ever faithful, always loving, knowing us at our core  
You've loved and pursued our hearts with a committed and  
covenantal love

TOGETHER

But God, we confess we do not honor or give thanks to You.  
Our hearts are dark and hardened, and we exchanged the truth  
about You for a lie, worshipping the created in place of the creator,  
wasting Your gifts with irreverent and dishonorable living.

TOGETHER

You called to us, and we ran.  
You pursued us with love, and we hid our eyes.  
You spoke truth, and we covered our ears.  
Father, we have sinned against heaven and before You.  
Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us.

## ASSURANCE

LEADER

This is good news!  
In Christ, God has placed His love upon you and set you apart.  
We are a people belonging to God so that we might proclaim the  
excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His  
marvelous light.

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we  
had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy, and we  
are called children of the living God.

TOGETHER

Thanks be to God!



# **BENEDICTION**

*A blessing from the authority of scripture spoken over the people of God.*

Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

