

God's Passionate Love for You

The Book of Hosea

A story of God's heartbreak and love
Hosea 1:2-3

Gomer's children and God's judgement
Hosea 1:4-11; Hosea 2:1-13

The disaster that Israel brought on herself
Hosea 3:1

God's love and God's promise apply to us.
Romans 4:16; Galatians 3:7, 29; Romans 9:23-26; Hosea 2:15-20

Considerations for the week

What is a covenant? Compare the nature of current-day covenants with God's covenant as portrayed in Hosea 1.

Examine parallels between Israel's unfaithfulness and patterns in the modern church.

Explore how Hosea 3 redefines love, covenant, and forgiveness.

How does the God's promise in Hosea 1:10–11 interrupt His judgment? Delve into what this reveals about God's character.

It seems that Hosea could have been puzzled (among other emotions) with the call of God to marry such a woman as Gomer, yet he obeyed. How might this call shape our understanding of God's heart?

In what ways does Hosea anticipate the inclusion of the Gentiles (as Paul argues in Romans 9)?

God's tender pursuit of His unfaithful people can challenge assumptions about Him. Judgement and mercy co-existing. Consider what this reveals about His character.

Recount circumstances illustrating how it is that God "speaks tenderly" to His people today.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.

**Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
Bring her into the wilderness
And speak kindly to her.**

— Hosea 2:14, NASB



Scripture read today
during worship:

1 Chronicles 29:12-14

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude, *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Call to worship

Hymn 2

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *His Mercy Is More*

Hymn, *Graves into Gardens*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Hymn, *Come Let Us Return to the Lord*

Message

Hymn of response 326, *Softly and Tenderly*

Benediction

Postlude, *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Family mission trip McAllen, Texas, March 6-10. See Templegram or office for details. Sign up by February 20.

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Our website is at
<https://rtbc.faith>



Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

Clothing drive benefitting Christian Community Service Center. Collection box is outside the church office. Now through February 17.

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets next week, February 21

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org
The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm