

Hymns11.14.2 THE NAMES OF PRESENT PROPHETS

“...they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals---they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth, and push the afflicted out of the way...” (Amos 2:6 & 7 NRSV)

The names of present prophets
are known throughout the earth.

They name those current evils
which damage human worth.
They call out crimes to people
which we have heard before,
once named by ancient prophets,
that harm the weak and poor.

When speaking truth to power,
they sometimes stand alone
with inner grace and courage--
insist that truth be known.

The cause of human freedom,
their struggles for the right,
are blessed by Heaven’s power,
and fill the world with light.

Christ Jesus, saving prophet
who came to make us free,
use us unlikely prophets
to help the world to see
that life is more than silver;
the poor and little ones
are precious to their Maker.
“Lord, may your kingdom come.”

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Suggested 76.76D Tunes: Lancashire “Go Make Of All Disciples”(UMH# 571) or, Bred Dina Vida Vingar “Thy Holy Wings O Savior” (UMH#502)