

**And the people of
Nineveh believed
God ...**

Jonah 3:5, NRSV

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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children’s Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah’s dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question “On whom should God have mercy?”

A Story that Invites Us

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

Please share the peace safely with each other.

GATHERING HYMN: "Earth and All Stars"



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Refrain
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God, too often we try to circumnavigate your Word in order to escape carrying out your plans and purposes in this life.

All: **Forgive us for the times we have turned a deaf ear to your call or a blind eye to your Word of truth. Help us to be ready and willing to go where you would send us, to do what you would want us to do, and to develop a Christ-like heart of compassion for souls that are lost. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Today's reading is from Jonah, the first and second chapters.

READING: *Jonah 1:1-5, 7, 11-12, 15-17; 2:1-2, 7, 9b-10*

¹Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me. ³But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

⁴But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god.

⁷The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

¹¹Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you."

¹⁵So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

¹⁷ But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

^{2:1}Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, ²saying,

"I called to the LORD out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

⁷As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the LORD;
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.

^{9b}Deliverance belongs to the LORD!"

¹⁰Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

Reader: Here ends the reading.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE:

Musical "*Oh, Jonah*" by Allen Pote and Carole McCann
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A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Jesus says, “Take nothing for the journey—no bread, no bags, no money.” Rather, bring yourselves, totally and completely. Bring your love, your gifts, your service, your leadership.

All: May this be so as we share our offerings in this time together.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.

All: Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



THE PRAYERS

L: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need. You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle. Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

L: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

P: We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

All: **We ask this through Jesus Christ, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. Amen.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION RITE

P: Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.

All: May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.

Be Seated

LAMB OF GOD



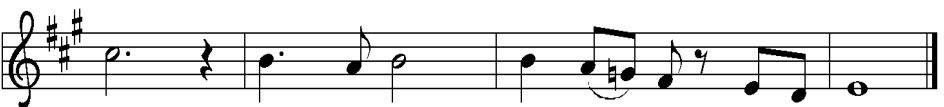
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the wafer into, then take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:

You may come down the center aisle, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake, or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

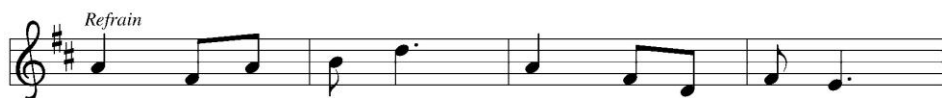
COMMUNION HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me"



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together"



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



COMMUNION HYMN: "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain	for	the	scat - tered	and	grown,



Refrain

wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one	in	the	Lord	of
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

SINGING BOWL

Please Stand



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Creator God, bless this gift of bread with the yeast of your love.

All: Flow through this gift of wine with your life-giving grace.

P: As we receive these gifts, make us one with you through the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Nurture our lives, that we may be loaves of your generous abundance.

P: Pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be vines of loving nourishment for one another and for a world in need of growth and strength.

All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

COMMISSIONING

P: Go to be fruitful in all that you do! Bring love, joy, peace, and patience to everyone you meet. Share kindness, gentleness, and generosity in every encounter.

All: In doing so, we not only live by the Spirit, we bring the Spirit with us.

SENDING HYMN: “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Refrain – sung twice each time



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our -



hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *End*



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God’s people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

