



An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.
"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

11 a.m., January 17, 2020

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Jonathan Lee

Arranged for Piano and Keyboard by Russell Gross

Words of Welcome

Leah Davis

Call to Worship by Katherine Hawker

Leah Davis

The Voice calling long ago is the Voice calling today.

The Voice compelling Jonah to go is the Voice compelling us to go

The Voice calling to Jonah compelling him to share the good news of God's redemptive love is the Voice we hear too.

The Voice calling long ago is the same Voice is still calling today.

Will we answer this puzzling call?

Let us worship God!

Morning Prayer

Caitlyn Gudmundsen

Hymn No. 464

God of Grace, and God of Glory †

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God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!

From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal, lest we miss thy righteous goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christ like graces pledged to set all captives free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

A Puzzling Call

Caitlyn Gudmundsen

Quiet Time

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Leah Davis

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Lesson from the Prophet

Jonah 1

Caitlyn Gudmunden

One day long ago, GOD's Word came to Jonah, Amittai's son: "Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They're in a bad way and I can't ignore it any longer." But Jonah got up and went the other direction to Tarshish, running away from GOD. He went down to the port of Joppa and found a ship headed for Tarshish. He paid the fare and went on board, joining those going to Tarshish—as far away from GOD as he could get.

But GOD sent a huge storm at sea, the waves towering. The ship was about to break into pieces. The sailors were terrified. They called out in desperation to their gods. They threw everything they were carrying overboard to lighten the ship. Meanwhile, Jonah had gone down into the hold of the ship to take a nap. He was sound asleep. The captain came to him and said, "What's this? Sleeping! Get up! Pray to your god! Maybe your god will see we're in trouble and rescue us." Then the sailors said to one another, "Let's get to the bottom of this. Let's draw straws to identify the culprit on this ship who's responsible for this disaster." So they drew straws. Jonah got the short straw. Then they grilled him: "Confess. Why this disaster? What is your work? Where do you come from? What country? What family?" He told them, "I'm a Hebrew. I worship GOD, the God of heaven who made sea and land." At that, the men were frightened, really frightened, and said, "What on earth have you done!" As Jonah talked, the sailors realized that he was running away from GOD.

They said to him, "What are we going to do with you—to get rid of this storm?" By this time the sea was wild, totally out of control. Jonah said, "Throw me overboard, into the sea. Then the storm will stop. It's all my fault. I'm the cause of the storm. Get rid of me and you'll get rid of the storm." But no. The men tried rowing back to shore. They made no headway. The storm only got worse and worse, wild and raging. Then they prayed to GOD, "O GOD! Don't let us drown because of this man's life, and don't blame us for his death. You are GOD. Do what you think is best." They took Jonah and threw him overboard. Immediately the sea was quieted down. The sailors were impressed, no longer terrified by the sea, but in awe of GOD. They worshiped GOD, offered a sacrifice, and made vows. Then GOD assigned a huge fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah was in the fish's belly three days and nights.

Special Music

God of Love, We've Known Division

Gillette

Solo by Phil Carpenter

Lesson from the Prophets

Jonah 2

Leah Davis

Jonah prayed to his God from the belly of the fish. He prayed: "In trouble, deep trouble, I prayed to GOD. He answered me. From the belly of the grave I cried, 'Help!' You heard my cry. You threw me into ocean's depths, into a watery grave, With ocean waves, ocean breakers crashing over me. I said, 'I've been thrown away, thrown out, out of your sight. I'll never again lay eyes on your Holy Temple.' Ocean gripped me by the throat. The ancient Abyss grabbed me and held tight. My head was all tangled in seaweed at the bottom of the sea where the mountains take root. I was as far down as a body can go, and the gates were slamming shut behind me forever— Yet you pulled me up from that grave alive O GOD, my God! When my life was slipping away, I remembered GOD, And my prayer got through to you, made it all the way to your Holy Temple. Those who worship hollow gods, god-frauds, walk away from their only true love. But I'm worshiping you, GOD, calling out in thanksgiving! And I'll do what I promised I'd do! Salvation belongs to GOD!"

Then God spoke to the fish, and it vomited up Jonah on the seashore.

Sermon *A Puzzling Call: Who Me?* Leah Davis

Communion Leah Davis
We will celebrate communion together, remembering we are connected even though we are apart. Bring your own elements to worship and remember that you are Beloved.

Musical Meditation *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* Jeff Bennett
Arranged for Piano and Keyboard by Russell Gross

Invitation to Give Caitlyn Gudmundsen

Hymn No. 452 *Here I Am Lord* † HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

[Refrain] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

Benediction Leah Davis

Postlude *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Lloyd Larson
Arranged for Piano and Keyboard by Russell Gross

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