



Sunday, May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish."

Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"

He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of hean, who made the sea and the dry land."

This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.)

The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?"
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- Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved -

Greeters: Karen & Tom Tindall, Amy Roe, Phyllis Thompson, Denny Davish, Cammie & Doug Camens

Ushers: Rita Simmers, Bob & Vicki Kutz, Chrispina Gilberti, Donna Kinsey, Lois Snyder, Fred Brown

The white rose recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of C. Nathaniel Netscher

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

John Bair in honor of Doris & his wedding anniversary.
Jerry & Carla Rothacker in honor of their grandson Jack's graduation.

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Let us celebrate God in this sacred space.

People: Let us celebrate God in all places under heaven.

Leader: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*Opening Hymn #487 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

God of resurrection, you open the tomb and offer us new life in Christ. You call us to proclaim this good news with our words and our actions, but sometimes we run the other way. Instead of extending your mercy, we flee from your presence. Like Jonah, we try to escape carrying out your plans and purposes. Help us to be ready and willing to go where you send us, and equip us with a Christ-like heart so we can do your will. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who had died, so also through him our sins are forgiven and we are given new life. Awaken to the assurance of your forgiveness and arise to the promise of Christ's redeeming grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading **Jonah 1** Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Message **"You Can't Outrun God"** Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Offertory Jesus, Our Lord We Adore Thee *Will James*

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Matt Drumheller

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer
**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution Rev. Matt Drumheller

Distribution of Elements
*is our custom at Highland to eat the bread, representing your individual relationship with God.
However, please hold the cup until all are able to partake together, representing our relationship as the body of Christ.*

Prayer After Communion Rev. Matt Drumheller

Going in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #525 Here I Am, Lord

*Charge & Benediction Rev. Matt Drumheller

Postlude

***PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

*MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ORGANIST: JONATHAN LEFEVER
A/V: GUS BEAULIEU & KEN OSBORNE*

"Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, Lord, do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased." Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.

Jonah 1 (niv)

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

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Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.