



Sunday, May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. He said:

"In my distress I called to the Lord,
and he answered me.
From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,
and you listened to my cry.
You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.
I said, 'I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.'
The engulfing waters threatened me,^[b]
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.
To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in forever.
But you, Lord my God,
brought my life up from the pit.

Con't on back

- Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved -

Greeters: Eileen & Harry Flick, Sara Woodbury & Bob Ganse, Marty & Jack Hynd, Joyce & Peter DeBarger

Ushers: Johnny Wood, Bev Campbell, Howard McIntyre, Rachel Reist, Kay Houghton, Diana Ludwig, Jennifer Funck

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

Diana Ludwig in loving memory of her brother, Kenneth W. Stout

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: May your love and mercy pour down on us, Lord

People: And cleanse us from every transgression.

Leader: May your joy and gladness encourage us,

People: And the power of your Spirit make us new.

Leader: May your wisdom and truth convict us,

People: And lead us in paths of righteousness.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

*Opening Hymn #478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heavens

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. Matt Drumheller

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness. In your great compassion blot out our offenses. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins, for we know our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us. Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. So you are justified when you speak and upright in all your judgments. Purge us from our sins, and we shall be pure. Wash us, and we shall be clean indeed. Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit, O Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572

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

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: Oh, what joy for those whose sins are forgiven, whose mistakes have been wiped away by God's mercy and grace! So let's rejoice in God's unfailing love, which has set us free yet again. 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 2

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Message

"Prayers from the Belly of a Whale"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Offertory Anthem

From the End of the Earth

Alan Hovhaness

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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.

Going in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #281

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

ORGANIST: JONATHAN LEFEVER

A/V: GUS BEAULIEU & JERRY ROTHACKER

When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, Lord,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.

“Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God’s love for them.

But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the Lord.’”

And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah 2 (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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Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

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.