



Sunday, May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Jonah 3 (niv)

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

Greeters: Trixi Ray, Elizabeth & Claire Hess, Betty & Bob Rishel, Dotty Leaman

Ushers: Leigh Shuman, Bill DeLong, Matt Allen, Sara Shank, Nancy Holtzapple, Diana Ludwig, Joan Alexander

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

Jane Hartin in memory of her mother

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude ~ Highland Bells

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

arr. D. Wagner

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minute for Mission

Rev. Matt Drumheller

*Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

*Opening Hymn

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. Bob Burns

Almighty God, we come before You in humility, for we do not live as we ought. Like Jonah, sometimes we run away from you or hide from the call you place on our heart. Give us courage to walk with you; and equip us to accept the call. Help us to remember our baptism and your claim upon our life. May we surrender our life to you and live with humility, pointing not to ourselves but to your grace. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572

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

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

The Psalmist wrote, "The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

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.**

Baptisms Quinten Benjamin Frank & Tessa Paige Frank

Hymn #492 Baptized In Water

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading Jonah 3 Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Message "A Sermon in Five Words" Rev. Allison Beaulieu

New Members Introduction Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Offertory Anthem I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord arr. S. Tucker

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer Rev. Matt Drumheller

**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 #466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Charge & Benediction Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude God of Grace arr. P Manz/M. Thompson

***PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

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ORGANIST: JONATHAN LEFEVER

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