

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Preparation for Worship

The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.

Prelude Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Hustad

Choral Introit Song of Zechariah pg. # 602
Call to Worship Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Greetings & Announcements

Visitors: please fill out a visitor's card and place in the offering plate during the offering

Passing of the Peace

* Hymn of Praise Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah pg. # 281, K 32

Prayer for New Beginnings

God of procrastinating prophets, we can spend so much time waiting for the perfect moment, that we might miss the chance to help another. We may worry so much about saying the right thing, that we say nothing to encourage a person who needs such words. We may be so wrapped up in dealing with the stresses of life, that we have no time to deal with your hopes and dreams for us. Forgive us, God of second chances. By your grace, we can hear your words of compassion and forgiveness; by your mercy, we can place our feet back on the path of discipleship; by your love, we are welcomed as your children by our Brother and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

Assurance of New Beginnings Congregation (in Bold)

If it can happen in Ninevah, repentance and forgiveness can happen in us; if God can call a stubborn person like Jonah, God can call us to lives of faithful discipleship.

We will lay aside all our fears and doubts, all our worries and resistance, so we can follow Jesus, trusting always in the One who forgives us, in this moment, and all the moments to come. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Sharing Faith with the Children
(Children ages 3-9 may go to Children's Church)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation O Jesus, I Have Promised pg. # 388

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Mâ Chêr pg. # 860

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Karen Choir

New Testament Reading Mark 1:14-20 pg. # 35

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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Sermon Rev. Jeff Sockwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer Congregation
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.

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Congregation
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri Congregation # 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. Amen.

Offerings of the People

Offertory Hso Wah

Doxology with Alleluias
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn Blest Be the Tie That Binds pg. # 438, K 237

*Benediction

Sending Forth The Lord Bless and Keep You STF 2280

Postlude All Men Living Are But Mortal Pachelbe

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