

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM “Heavenly Sunlight Dave Bertelsen, Director
SERMON: “Prophet Jonah as a Model for Running from God” Pastor Clarissa

~EUCCHARIST/HOLY COMMUNION~

~INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES, & OURSELVES~

*DOXOLOGY (words on screen)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Unison)

God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: “Give Thanks” x3 TFWS 2036

*~LITANY OF SENDING /BENEDICTION~

(Litany by Dr. Gennifer B. Brooks)

L: In the spirit of the women who survived the middle passage, withstood and overcame the oppression of enslavement,
People: We go forth, heading North.
L: In the spirit of women who dared obstacles and challenged unjust barriers and forged new peoples in new lands,
People: We go forth, heading South.
L: In the spirit of women who refused to be browbeaten and held back and opened new paths for others to follow,
People: We go forth, heading East.
Pastor: In the spirit of women who refused to be shut out and who demolished boundaries to open new spaces for sisters unborn,
People: We go forth, heading West.
Pastor: We go forth, moving in all directions, moving at the directive of the Holy One, moving boldly and courageously in the assurance of divine guidance, anointing presence, and enabling power; in the Spirit not only of our ancestors in the sisterhood, but at the direction of Sistah Wisdom, Sofia, who calls each and all to encourage her for the sake of God’s glory.
People: We go forth! We go forth! Thanks be to God!

*POSTLUDE: “A Sonnet” E. Granados

The bulletins are given by Don & Joyce Walters in honor of the birth of their 7th great grandchild, Makoa Seebach, born Jan. 20, 2023.



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Jonah...for
Lent?
It sounds fishy,
but it’s a
natural fit.
When the
people asked
Jesus for a
sign, he said, “I
will give you
only the sign of
Jonah.”

After three days
in the belly of
the earth, Jesus
rose with the

Good News of God’s extravagant grace for the people of the world.

This Lenten series will explore the meaning of “the sign of Jonah” as we follow the Hebrew prophet Jonah on his journey and see how it parallels the journey of Jesus to the cross.

What does this old story reveal about our hearts, our relationships, our passions, and our world view? How does this story connect to your Lenten journey story?

Come. Together we will journey through the story of Jonah ... and find ourselves in it!

Alana Dalton, Liturgist
Michelle Harrington, Singer
Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Senior Pastor

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*Note: L: denotes worship "Leader" ~ P: denotes "People"

~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Petit Pastorale" by Henry Carey
Deanna Gibeau, Organist

~WELCOME~

GREETING:

Pastor: Welcome. We are delighted for your presence and thank you for choosing to worship with us today. It is said that a woman without religion is "a flame without heat, a rainbow without color, and a flower without perfume." I say that a woman **with** religion is a flame casting the light of God's love into the dark places of its earth, a rainbow of mingled colors shining amid the storms of life and giving promise of God's better day, a flower whose sweet perfume of love and devotion delights the nostrils of our God. In that spirit, we welcome you to Women's History Month 2023 and the continuation into our Lenten journey. Welcome.

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~COME, LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER~

CENTERING MUSIC: "Time Now to Gather" John D. Horman

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

L: Most merciful and all-wise God, it is by your hand that you made woman. We laud and glorify your holy name for the wisdom, strength, faith, and courage you birthed into the heart of every woman.

P: Teach us, O Lord, to pattern our lives, our witness, and our service after the women of Scripture whom you ordained to serve and labor in your Kingdom.

L: With Miriam, who with Moses and Aaron led the people of Israel out of Egypt; with Deborah, who judged the people of Israel in truth and righteousness; with Ruth, who was an example of faithfulness; with Mary Magdalen, who first brought the good news of the resurrection; with Phoebe, deacon and leader of the early Church; with Priscilla, who labored with Aquila in the

service of Christ; with Dorcas, who tirelessly served, doing good and helping the poor; with Mary the mother of Jesus, who said "yes" with no holding back;

P: With these, our sisters, we pray for women everywhere who seek to do the will of God.

L: We pray for women who against all odds create an environment of love and peace for their family to live in; we pray for women who, when tempted to give up, find new strength in you and continue to follow the path you have ordered.

P: God our God, you have made women in your own image and likeness. Teach us to trust your design and seek the divine destiny that you have for every woman in every corner of your universe. Amen!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

L: In the season of Lent, we are invited to consider how we live as followers of Christ – to look at our decisions and our actions straight on, to hold them up to the example of Christ, and to make amends. In this time of silence, and in our prayer together, let us look at our lives. We pray, first in silence.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: hear our prayer. There are gorges in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

L: Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*HYMN: "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" TFWS 2051

~WE PROCLAIM~ in unison

*Jonah 1:11- 15 ~ The storm was getting worse. So they asked Jonah, "What should we do with you to calm the sea?" He told them, "Throw me overboard. Then the sea will become calm. I know that I'm responsible for this violent storm."

Instead, the men tried to row harder to get the ship back to shore, but they couldn't do it. The storm was getting worse. So, they cried to the Lord for help: "Please, Lord, don't let us die for taking this man's life. Don't hold us responsible for the death of an innocent man, because you, Lord, do whatever you want." Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the sea became calm.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **P: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

~EUCHARIST/HOLY COMMUNION~

Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church offers Open-Communion (Eucharist) All persons are invited to take part in Holy Communion. The church proclaims that the table of Holy Communion is Christ's table. The table is open to anyone who seeks to respond to Christ's love and seeks to lead a new life of peace and love. This really keeps us focused on the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. We believe that Christ is truly present.

You will be ushered forward for communion. If you are unable to process up on your own, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you! We have bread and individual cup communion for our worship services.

For those in need; Gluten and Allergy-free wafers are available. White grape juice is also available in the center individual cups or the intinction chalice cup.

You are invited to spend a moment of prayer before and/or after taking communion at the altar. During that time, we'll continue worshiping in song.

~THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~

Pastor: The liturgical life of the Church revolves around the Sacraments, with the Eucharist (Holy Communion) at the center. During worship, we are fed by the Word and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. We believe that the Risen Jesus is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not a sign or symbol of Jesus; rather we receive Jesus himself in and through the Eucharistic species. The Elder, through the power of her ordination and the action of the Holy Spirit, transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and remains in me and I in him.” (John 6:51, 54, 56)

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints, you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (Unison)

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

