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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Unison)**

Gracious God, we pray that these offerings may be used to uplift and to minister to those in need. We pray that our worship may always include but extend beyond the gifts of tithes and monies, so that our lives themselves become an answer to your gracious call, like a dancer you cannot separate from the dance. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

TFWS 2173

~LITANY OF SENDING /BENEDICTION~

***L:** In a world starved for God’s Goodness and Grace, may you be bold and selfless in declaring the love of the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. By Grace you have been saved; go-participate in that grace by bringing it to a hurting world. Go in Peace.

***Pastor:** Go now, follow where Christ calls you and proclaim the message God gives you. Wait in hope for God. Avoid become bound up in the business of the world, but live in readiness for the inbreaking of the Kingdom. And may God be your haven and your glory; may Christ Jesus give you courage for His mission; and may the Spirit embrace your soul in God’s silence. We go in peace to love and serve God and Cod’s people.

***POSTLUDE:**

“Intermezzo”

Pietro Mascagni, Arr. Lani Smith

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The flowers on the altar and today’s bulletins are given by Daryl & Debra Matthies in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary which is today.



5th AVE. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

323 South 5th Avenue ~ West Bend WI 53095

Third Sunday In Lent ~ March 12, 2023



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!

Katie Glaser, Liturgist
Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Senior Pastor

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Sundays, 9:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVE. UMC

Whether you're just beginning to explore your faith or have been following Christ for years, you and your whole family can belong at Fifth Ave. UMC

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

~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Day by Day" by Oscar Ahnfelt, Arr. Todd Kendall
Deanna Gibeau, Organist

~WELCOME~

GREETING:

Pastor: Welcome. The first portion of Jonah's story was fast-paced and action-packed. As we move into Chapter 2 however, the narrative slows down considerably. Today, a prayer connects us to Jonah's experiences while waiting in the belly of the great fish that had swallowed him. This whale of a tale exemplifies God's love, grace, and compassion extend to everyone, even outsiders and oppressors. God loves all people. Come for running from God is not an option. Come, as we carry out God's plan. God is in control. All are welcome!

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~NOISY OFFERING~

The Wisconsin Annual Conference signed a partnership with the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia. This is one of the greatest gifts of our Conference, to be in mission with other Methodist churches around the world.

The goal of the Bolivia Motorcycle Project is to raise money to purchase motorcycles for Pastors in Bolivia.

These motorcycles will help the Pastors and District Coordinators navigate difficult roads where cars cannot pass, but still need to travel to in order to bring the words of hope and salvation to God's children.

Thank you for providing a much-needed instrument to help spread God's word in Bolivia!

~COME, LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER~

CENTERING MUSIC: (Youth Praise Band)

"Welcome"	Worship and Song(3152)
"Lamb of God"	The Faith We Sing (2113)
"My Life Is In You, Lord"	The Faith We Sing 2032

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

L: The word of God came to Jonah

P: The word of God comes to us:

L: Go

P: Despite your fears

L: Speak

P: the truth of God

L: Love

P: your neighbor and your enemy

L: Forgive

P: as you have been forgiven

L: Receive

P: grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.

L: Deliverance belongs to the Lord!

P: Come. Let us worship God together!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

L: Lord Jesus, I acknowledge to You that I have running from grace, and I have sinned against You. I believe You died on the cross for my sins. I want You to come into my life and be my Savior. Forgive me of all my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. Come into my life and be my Lord and help me become the person You want me to be. Amen.

*PRAYING IN COMUNITY:

All: Lord, keep me safe and secure in your love today. I ask for nothing but Your presence to guide my steps as I face whatever comes next with confidence knowing that You will never leave or forsake us – ever! God, please show me the way. May my every choice lead me closer to You and keep all other paths away. May the Holy Spirit guide me by the word of God, not my feelings. May the light of your love keep me pure and undivided. Protect my mind from its own thoughts, words, and actions. And keep me from being distracted by MY wants, MY desires, MY thoughts on how things should be. Instead of viewing my challenges as an obstacle, I will view them as a chance for growth and learning. And finally, help me to rest in the truth of Psalm 86:13, 'For great is your steadfast love toward me. In the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**
L: May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in God’s image, to the praise and glory of God’s name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** **“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”** **TFWS #2112**

 ~**WE PROCLAIM~** **responsively**

*** Jonah 2 ~ GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)**

L: From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. Jonah prayed: “I called to the Lord in my distress, and he answered me. From the depths of my \perp watery \perp grave I cried for help, and you heard my cry. You threw me into the deep, into the depths of the sea, and water surrounded me. All the whitecaps on your waves have swept over me.

P: “Then I thought, ‘I have been banished from your sight. Will I ever see your holy temple again?’ “Water surrounded me, threatening my life. The deep \perp sea \perp covered me completely. Seaweed was wrapped around my head. I sank to the foot of the mountains. I sank to the bottom, where bars held me forever. But you brought me back from the pit, O Lord, my God.

All: “As my life was slipping away, I remembered the Lord. My prayer came to you in your holy temple. Those who hold on to worthless idols abandon their loyalty \perp to you \perp . But I will sacrifice to you with songs of thanksgiving. I will keep my vow. Victory belongs to the Lord!” Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spit Jonah out onto the shore.

L: Word of God for the people of the God. **P:** Praise to our Living God.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM **“This Little Light of Mine”**
 Dave Bertelsen, Director

SERMON: **“Prophet Jonah’s Fishy Prayer”** **Pastor Clarissa**

 ~**PRAYERS & CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE~**

L: Lord in your mercy, **All:** hear our prayer.
All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.