

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

August 21, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber

Interlude

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-3

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Tho' the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
In earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Confession of Sin

Need of Confession: Romans 8:12-13

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. (Book of Common Worship)

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:14-15

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Song of Praise

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered ev'ry grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Behold our God, seated on his throne.
Come, let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on his throne.
Come, let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore him!

Who has felt the nails upon his hand,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Behold our God, seated on his throne.
Come, let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore him!

The Lord's Prayer (unison) / Pastoral Prayer

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.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Chancel Choir

Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out

By Mark Hayes

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sermon Series: Why the Church?

Part Two: Jonah: Have You Missed the Heart of God?

Sermon Text: Jonah 1:1-3 (ESV)

Sermon Title: The Danger of Disobedience

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

Throughout the summer we have been exploring the theme of the missional church, why God has a church here in the world. We have seen how God has a mission of renewal and restoration of the whole cosmos and how he has a church that exists to participate in that mission. Jesus has come to seek and save the lost and He has called us to be the heralds of that exciting message. We serve a big God with a big gospel.

All this brings us to a very unlikely leading man in the biblical story: Jonah. Jonah is not your typical hero. In fact, he is quite the opposite. Which is why we will be spending the next several weeks going through this amazing book, doing a sort of “case study” of the danger of missing the heart of God.

The theme of the book of Jonah is the boundless compassion of God. And as we work our way through this absolute literary masterpiece will we see not only ways we are like Jonah, but we will also see the enormous heart of God in pursuing sinners and restoring them with grace.

This morning we are introducing this tremendous, little book (it's only four chapters) by looking at the introduction, Jonah 1:1-3. We will explore Jonah's commissioning by seeing:

- I. The Means
- II. The Content
- III. The Response

Reflection

“If you want to understand your own behavior, you must understand that all sin against God is grounded in a refusal to believe that God is more dedicated to our good, and more aware of what that is, than we are. We distrust God because we assume he is not truly for us, that if we give him complete control, we will be miserable.” (Timothy Keller)

Hymn 562

All to Jesus I Surrender

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to him I freely give;
May I ever love and trust him,
In his presence daily live.

Chorus

I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at his feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now. (Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly thine:
May thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know thy pow'r divine. (Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to thee;
Fill me with thy love and power,
Let thy blessing fall on me. (Chorus)

The Benediction

Postlude

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