

Order of Worship
Sunday, August 1, 2021
Junction City United Methodist Church

“Jonah”

*(*Denotes inclusion in posted video, unmarked items will be recorded live and included, music videos will be shown in worship and included in posted playlist)*

*Opening Video

Welcome Sue Huntley

Prelude Dr. Olga Aynvarg

Call to Worship Nadine Wiles

Leader: Given the option, do you choose to do what you want to do, or what God wants you to do?

>People: We always choose the path God calls us to follow. All the time, without exception.

Even when you must make great sacrifices? Even when the personal cost is great?

>Well, most of the time. But sometimes God makes too many demands. We can only do what is reasonable. A person can only do so much, you know?

So there are times when you say no to God, when you stubbornly refuse to seek God's counsel and eagerly comply to God's will?

>Only when we run out of time, or are tired, except for the other times when we are just being stubborn. Honestly, we do try to avoid God's call upon our lives more often than we want to admit.

Then pay attention and listen closely. You just might be able to learn something from Jonah. And you might just be able to identify with him, too.

>It hurts to be humbled, but OK. Let us open our hearts to God's wisdom, seeking truth and forgiveness and grace.

Unison Prayer

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Almighty God, in our gathering to spend time with You and with each other, we seek your presence among us. We ask that you be the glue that binds our community together and the light that leads us along our journey of faith. We have no reason to expect your acceptance or attention, yet we seek your love and grace for our comfort and healing. May your Holy Spirit grant us your presence, wisdom and courage, that we may walk in your ways, always seeking and heeding your counsel and guide. Amen.

Hymn of Praise (Video) "Would I Have Answered When You Called"
Words - Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr./ Music - Trad. English, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams. Performers: St. Mark's Choral Scholars, St. Mark's UMC, Houston TX

Prayer Requests for One Another and Our World Nadine Wiles

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Pastor D. Scott Allen

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Music for Reflection Dr. Olga Aynvarg

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Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-3 Nadine Wiles

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." 3 But Jonah set out 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 his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

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Message

Pastor D. Scott Allen

Celebration of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

>People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

>We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

>It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, we bless you for creation and all that you have made, for your gracious covenant with a people transformed by your holiness, and for your steadfast love in sending the prophets to call us to repent and to walk in your ways.

>You faithfully guide all who seek your paths and your ways.

Your own Son is our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

>Help us to walk each day as your beloved children, and to live as followers of your Son.

With thanksgiving we remember your love for the world in sending your Son to live and die as one of us.

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>You put your Spirit upon him. He proclaimed release to the captives, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners

Before his death on the cross he took bread and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup and said, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

>By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church and made all things new.

By your Holy Spirit make this bread and wine to be for us the body and blood of Christ.

>Fill us with your love, uniting us with Christ, and with one another.

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Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Discipleship, Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor D. Scott Allen

Hymn of Dedication (Video) "Here I Am, Lord" - Words/Music - Dan Schutte.
Performed by The Arundel & Brighton Diocesan. Video by Chet Valley
Churches

Benediction Pastor D. Scott Allen

Postlude Dr. Olga Aynvarg

*Closing Video