

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Tornquist

Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano Traditional Irish Melody

*Call to Worship Pam Woodward

One: Sensed on a sunlit day, reflected in the calm lake, God is with us.

All: We rejoice in God's presence!

One: Sensed in the hug of a child, reflected in the closeness of a couple long-married, God is with us.

All: We rejoice in God's presence!

One: Sensed in the faith community at prayer, reflected in an unnoticed caring act, God is with us.

All: We rejoice in God's presence!

One: Sensed in the living words of Jesus Christ, reflected in those through whom his Spirit moves, God is with us.

All: We rejoice in God's presence!

*Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* 342

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") Pam Woodward

Children's Blessing Rev. Michael

First Scripture Psalm 107:23-31 Pam Woodward

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* Hayes

Emily Malone, soloist

Second Scripture Jonah 1

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Storm* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand (vs. 1,3)* 628

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Offertory *Meditation in A Minor* John Turner

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation. You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion and Words of Institution Pam Woodward

Communion Hymn *This Is the Day of New Beginnings (1, 4)* 518

Prayer of Thanksgiving Pam Woodward

Communion Music *It is Well With My Soul* Philip Bliss; arr. Rouse

Serving the Bread and Cup

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Congregational Benediction

God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty (vs. 5) 514

Flowers have been placed on the chancel by Tom & Jackie Maddox to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents.

Jonah 1

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, 'Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.' 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. But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, 'What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.' The sailors said to one another, 'Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.' So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, 'Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?' 'I am a Hebrew,' he replied. 'I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.' Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, 'What is this that you have done!' For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so. Then they said to him, 'What shall we do to you, that the sea may quieten down for us?' For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, 'Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quieten down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.' Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, 'Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.' So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

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