

JONAH

SERMON SERIES

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

June 23, AD 2024

11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

Prelude

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus/Amazing Grace” arranged by William J. Kirkpatrick

Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin

Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Jonah 2

I called to the LORD out of my distress.

And he answered me! He heard my voice.

O LORD my God, you brought up my life from the pit,

When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you.

Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.

But I with the voice of thanksgiving will make a sacrifice of praise to you;

What I have experienced, I will declare: “Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 43 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

You, O LORD our God, have made the intent of your heart plain to us in your Word. Your Holy Spirit has made plain to us the intent of our hearts as well. And those intentions do not match. Salvation belongs to you. Destruction belongs to us. Have mercy! Forgive us! Create in us clean hearts. Renew a steadfast spirit within us. Then we will teach transgressors your ways and sinners will return to you. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

**Standing*

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

PLAINFIELD

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

Offertory

“That We May Show Thy Love” by Philip Young

O gracious Lord, our heav'nly King,
To thee our praises e'er we sing,
That we may thus to others show thy love.

A bounteous measure of thy grace
Bestow on us who sing thy praise,
That we may thus to others show thy love.

Lord, give us minds thy truth to know,
And bodies pure and strong, to go where thou dost send,
That we may show thy love.

Lord, give us voices brave and true,
And hearts of courage, Lord,
That through our words and actions we may show thy love.

O gracious Lord, our heav'nly King,
To thee our heart and voice we bring,
That all the world, through us may know thy love.

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

***Response Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 292 “God of Grace and God of Glory” (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

CWM RHONDDA

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Jonah 3:1-10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,
That through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“When Preaching Worked!”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 304 “Lift High the Cross” (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

CRUCIFER



LORD'S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer and the Lord's 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.

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

Please come forward to receive communion.

Communion Meditation

"Mercy" by Max Richter



BENEDICTION

*Response

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

Postlude

IV. Allegro from Six Pieces for Violin and Piano by Amanda Maiers



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We're so glad you could join us today. Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. As part of that mission, we'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Price Increases Tomorrow! Women's Summer Luncheon Is June 26. Join us for our Women's Ministry Summer Luncheon where you can anonymously ask a panel of pastors questions about the Bible, what we believe or even their own faith journey! 11.30 am–1.30 pm in the FPC Reception Room. The cost is \$10 and increases to \$15 on Monday, June 24. RSVP at fpcbr.org. Childcare provided.

Summer Combined Services. Each Sunday in July, as well as August 4, we will gather and worship together for one 10.30 am service in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

No Experience Necessary. Beginning Wednesday, July 3 join us in the Choir Room at 6.30 pm for an hour of casual, joy-filled rehearsal. No auditions or previous experience required. All ages are welcome. You can sing for just one Sunday or you can sing for the entire month of July. No long-term commitment required!

S.T.A.R.S. Sports Camp Needs Volunteers. July 1-3 are the dates of the annual S.T.A.R.S. soccer camp with Abounding Love Ministries. Consider volunteering to coach the children and share the gospel with Baton Rouge inner city kids. Contact Whitney Alexander to volunteer (225.810.2607).

July Women's Jonah Study. Women's Ministry will further explore the depths of God's mercy and grace at its summer Jonah Bible study. We'll meet Tuesday, July 9, 16, 23, 30, 6–7.30 pm at the home of Amber McConnell (4352 Woodside Dr.). Light refreshments.

Officer Nominations for the 2027 Class. The Officer Nominating Committee nominates elders and deacons by receiving suggested names of members from the congregation, prayerfully preparing a slate and presenting the slate at the annual October congregational meeting for election. Please be in prayer about who you might suggest. Suggestion cards will be available in the pew racks or online beginning Sunday, June 30 and are due July 31.

Get Ready! McKinley School Supplies. We are helping the teachers and families of McKinley Elementary get ready for the 2024–2025 academic year. See today's insert for details!

College Scholarships Available! The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund financial assistance to church members who anticipate having difficulty meeting the obligations of continued education. Applications are available at fpcbr.org and are due by July 15, 2024.

Purple Cow Needs Donations. Donation bins are in the Gym ready for gently used clothes and house ware items for the Purple Cow, a ministry of the Christian Outreach Center.

Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Dorothy & Joachim Aubert and Emma & Pete Ramos by Fé & Murphy Aubert.

Scripture for Next Week: Jonah 4
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and livestreamed.
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