

# JONAH

SERMON SERIES

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

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11 am



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux*

## **Prelude**

“Turn Back, O Man” arranged by Jean Middelsworth  
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. 59 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

## **\*Blessing God**

## **\*Scriptural Call to Confession**

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

I hear you, Lord Jesus. Just behind me. On my heels. I ran from you seeking my own way. I took off down paths of selfishness, petty revenge, withering scorn, clever cynicism, boring greed, manufactured pride and boorish lust. Everything got tangled. Each step away from you did not bring light and life, but bitterness and darkness. I grew less myself, less alive. But still I ran on. And still you pursued me. Now at last, I stop and turn. There you are! I'm sorry. I'm lost. I can't run anymore. Oh, pick me up and take me home. Amen.

## **\*Silent Confession**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

*\*Standing*

**\*Response**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

**\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Offertory**

“O God Beyond All Praising” arranged by David Schwoebel

O the depth of the riches of the wisdom of God!  
O the depth of the riches of the knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable his judgments and untraceable his ways.  
For of him and through him, and to him, are all things:  
To whom be the glory forever. Amen.

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end;  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.  
For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things:  
To whom be the glory forever. Amen.

*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

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### \*Hymn of Preparation

No. 76 "O for a Thousand Tongues" (vs 1, 2, 3 & 5)

AZMON

### Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Jonah 1:1-16*

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." 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.

But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." Then the men were exceedingly 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.

Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

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

"Sleeping in the Storm"



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

#### \*Hymn of Response

No. 364 "My Jesus, I Love Thee" (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

GORDON

### Pastoral 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.**



## BENEDICTION

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#### \*Response

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

### Postlude

"How Firm a Foundation" arranged by Don Hustad

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*Prayer Time: If you are in need of prayer, join us this week at 10.10 am in the Bride's Room. 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 memory of our parents, Hazel & Paul Peters and Jerry & Ned Hickel by Cherie and Bill Peters.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Jonah 2*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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@fpibr.org](mailto:prayer@fpibr.org), through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Experiential Prayer Station in Prayer Room This Week.** If you did not get an opportunity to try one of our experiential prayer stations during the mid-week Lenten services this Spring, we invite you to the Prayer Room, near the Sanctuary elevators, to use a station based on Psalm 23. Allow yourself several minutes, if possible. The station will be available through Thursday, June 13.

**RYM Youth Parent Meeting Next Sunday.** All parents with youth attending RYM this summer are invited to a meeting on Sunday, June 16 at 10.10 am in the Chapel.

**Special Sunday School and Minute for Mission Next Week!** Samuel Sesay, President of EduNations in rural Sierra Leone, West Africa, will be with us in worship June 16. Rev. Sesay will also speak during the Sunday school hour in EB 202. In addition to his ministry with EduNations, Samuel also heads up the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Sierra Leone. Join us for an exciting update on what God is doing in West Africa!

**Women's Summer Luncheon: June 26. "So, I've Got a Question. . . Pastor's Edition"** 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 [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org). Childcare provided.

**So Loved Is Seeking Volunteers.** We have had an increase in the number of children in our So Loved ministry. What a blessing! Volunteers are needed to care for and play with the young ones. Please contact Candace Walker to volunteer ([candace@fpibr.org](mailto:candace@fpibr.org)).

**Purple Cow Needs Donations.** It's a great time to declutter your home! During the month of June, donation bins will be on campus ready for you to donate gently used clothes and house ware items to the Purple Cow, a ministry of the Christian Outreach Center.

**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 [fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org) and are due by July 15, 2024.

**FPC App.** Sermon video, sermon audio, sermon transcripts, lectures, ESV Bible, news, announcements . . . if it's on the website, it's on the app. Download from your favorite app store by searching FPCBR.

**Calling All Greeters!** If you feel led to be a greeter at 9 or 11 worship, please contact Emily Viguerie ([emily@fpibr.org](mailto:emily@fpibr.org))!

**Ways to Give.** We are grateful you choose to be a part of God's economy with us. Gifts to First Presbyterian may be made via US Mail (763 North Blvd., 70802) or electronically ([fpibr.org](http://fpibr.org) or the church app).

