

JONAH

SERMON SERIES

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Father's Day
June 16, AD 2024
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

***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!"

***Songs of Praise**

"Bless the Lord My Soul"
"Oh, the Mighty Hand"

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

"All Must Be Well"



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Minute for Mission

Samuel Sesay, President of EduNations in Sierra Leone

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Jonah 1:17-2:10

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying,

“I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,

and he answered me;

out of the belly of Sheol I cried,

and you heard my voice.

For you cast me into the deep,

into the heart of the seas,

and the flood surrounded me;

all your waves and your billows

passed over me.

Then I said, ‘I am driven away

from your sight;

yet I shall again look

upon your holy temple.’

The waters closed in over me to take my life;

the deep surrounded me;

weeds were wrapped about my head

at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land

whose bars closed upon me forever;

yet you brought up my life from the pit,

O LORD my God.

When my life was fainting away,

I remembered the LORD,

and my prayer came to you,

into your holy temple.

Those who pay regard to vain idols

forsake their hope of steadfast love.

But I with the voice of thanksgiving

will sacrifice to you;

what I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

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

“From the Belly of the Beast”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“His Mercy Is More”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

***Song of Response**

“This I Believe (The Creed)”

***Response**

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

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 memory of Abbie & Lora Maye Cross and KH & Mabel Ferris by Ron & Bunny Ferris and family.

Scripture for Next Week: Jonah 3

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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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.

Special Sunday School Class Today! Samuel Sesay is leading an adult Sunday school class at 10.10 am in EB 202. In addition to his ministry with EduNations, Samuel heads up the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Sierra Leone. Join us for an exciting update on what God is doing in West Africa!

RYM Youth Parent Meeting at 10.10 am. All parents with youth attending RYM this summer are invited to a meeting today at 10.10 am in the Chapel.

Women's Summer Luncheon: June 26. "So, I've Got a Question . . . Pastors' 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 fpcbr.org. Childcare provided.

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.

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.

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.



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