



# JONAH

## GOD'S ABOUNDING MERCY

SERMON SERIES • IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Morning Worship Service  
April 24, 2022**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE

BETH BAUER

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**All: Yes! Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept.**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him.**

Pastor: The Lord is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

\* INVOCATION

*\* Congregation stands.*

\* OPENING HYMN: *Thine Be the Glory*

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he  
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,  
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,  
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

REFRAIN  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;  
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Edmond Budry, 1884  
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MACCABAEUS 10.11.11.11.ref.  
 From George Frederick Handel, *Judas Maccabaeus*, 1747

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEON SINCLAIR

**Leader:** Our God, we come to you recognizing that we fail; our human flesh is weak, our sins are many. But we are assured that sincere confession is met by your saving forgiveness.

**People:** **Through your Son our sins are forgiven. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.**

**Leader:** Our guilt is dealt with, our burdens are lifted, our lives begin again. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.

**People:** **Through your Spirit we know your presence, our loneliness is shared; our blind eyes are made to see, our love is rekindled. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.**

**Leader:** You and you alone can heal, restore, forgive. Your compassion and your understanding seep into us, your wisdom enlightens us, new courage grips us, and we find your Spirit at work in us bringing together everything that was fractured by our selfishness and sin.

**People:** **O Lord our God, to you be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

SONG OF CONFESSION: *I Need Thee Precious Jesus (Sing verse 1 only)*

1. I need thee, pre - cious Je - sus, for I am full of sin;  
 2. I need thee, pre - cious Je - sus, for I am ver - y poor;  
 3. I need thee, pre - cious Je - sus, and hope to see thee soon,

my soul is dark and guilt - y, my heart is dead with - in.  
 a strang - er and a pil - grim, I have no earth - ly store.  
 en - cir - cled with the rain - bow and seat - ed on thy throne.

I need the cleans - ing foun - tain where I can al - ways flee,  
 I need the love of Je - sus to cheer me on my way,  
 There, with thy blood - bought chil - dren, my joy shall ev - er be,

the blood of Christ most pre - cious, the sin - ner's per - fect plea.  
 to guide my doubt - ing foot - steps, to be my strength and stay.  
 to sing my Je - sus' prais - es, to gaze, O Lord, on thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

\* ACCLAMATION: *Gloria Patri (Please stand.)*

**All: 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.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share God's peace with those around you.)*

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR CHILDREN

*(Children 3 years through 5th grade are dismissed to continue their worship downstairs.)*

## WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERING: *The Holy Land of the Broken Heart*

(words and music by Michael Kelly Blanchard)  
Sue Lundin, Rachel Boll, John Zimmerman

Jesus in this life of mine, more and more Your grace I find  
in the kingdoms I decline—in the battles lost.  
All that I would hold on to—hide away and keep from you  
fade like diamonds made of dew—underneath Your cross.

All the useless ways of my will, claiming peace while peaceless still—  
all the dreams so unfulfilled, bitter empty air.  
Hollow brag—ambition's boast, haunt the heart like tired ghosts—  
leave their lessons and their yokes and their cold despair.

Jesus, Lord of all I am, hold me with your wounded hands.  
keep me in the holy land of the broken heart.

Victory's an empty word, success simply seems absurd  
when compared to You, my Lord, and Your hope that heals.  
No conditions but the truth, all the shackled shame let loose.  
Forgiveness the living proof—that Your love is real.

Oh the eyes of human kind show the pain that numbs the mind,  
search the sorrow for a sign of mercy in this maze.  
There in tears of our sin confessed, wrapped up in humble blessedness,  
Lord, You live, the honored guest of Your peoples' praise.

When my dance of days is through,  
when my oldest hour seems brand new,  
when all desires are for You—may my story be—  
that my treasures weren't of gold,  
that my pride lost all its control—  
to You, oh lover of my soul—Jesus, all to Thee.

### \* DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\* SONG: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

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1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a  
 2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is  
 5 3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He



lone. What is our on - ly con - fi dence? That oursouls to Him be  
 good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's  
 9 lives!" And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with



long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -  
 blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise Who stands a -  
 12 Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and



part from His com mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of  
 bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the  
 16 death will be destroyed, And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is



Christ, in which we stand. \_\_\_\_\_ O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our  
 shore, the rock of Christ?  
 21 ours for - ev - er - more



hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con



26 fess Christ our hope in life and death.



## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

*(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)*

READER: TOM NGUYEN

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Jonah 3:10, 4:1-4*

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they [the Ninevites] did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

<sup>1</sup> But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>3</sup> Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>4</sup> But the LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Romans 9:22-26*

<sup>22</sup> What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? <sup>23</sup> What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory—<sup>24</sup> even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? <sup>25</sup> As he says in Hosea:

"I will call them 'my people' who are not my people;  
and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one,"

<sup>26</sup> and,

"In the very place where it was said to them,  
'You are not my people,'  
there they will be called 'children of the living God.'" NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *The Heart of Judgment*

# WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

## \* CLOSING HYMN: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

1. Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart, re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;  
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maid - ens meek,  
3. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,  
4. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song; God's won - drous prais - es speak.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!  
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

REFRAIN

Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing.  
Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce,

5. At last the march shall end,  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
Jerusalem the blest.

6. Then on, ye pure in heart,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

## \* BENEDICTION

## \* POSTLUDE

## TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, Leon Sinclair (leon.sinclair@att.net) is available today or during the week.

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Beth Bauer, John Zimmerman, Sue Lundin, Rachel Boll

**Welcome:** The rosebud at the front of the church today celebrates the arrival of Asher Gilmore, born Tuesday and welcomed home by Chris and Rachel, Hannah and Elijah.

**PrimeTimers:** Sign up in the narthex following worship today, if you plan to attend our “This Is My Story” event, next Saturday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry  
NO Youth Group tonight**

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
11:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Women’s Bible Study  
Food pantry open**

## In Immanuel and Beyond

**Mark your calendars for VBS 2022!** After two summers “off,” we are excited to bring VBS back to Immanuel during the week of July 25-29. Child registration will open in late May. If you are interested in serving in some capacity during VBS week, please contact Annika ASAP to assist her planning. Email or call/text: annikadurbin@gmail.com or (630) 207-3230.

*ELDERS*

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard,  
Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

*DEACONS*

*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehom (Chair), Debby France, Dee Netzel,  
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

*STAFF*

*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;  
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