



JONAH

GOD'S ABOUNDING MERCY

SERMON SERIES • IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning Worship Service
March 20, 2022

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Hart

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Gather Us in Mercy, Lord*

Traditional chant
Gabe Huck, adapted arr. Tony Alonso

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a chant. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor/All repeat' and contains the melody for the first line of the chant: 'Gath - er us in mer - cy, Lord.' The second staff is also labeled 'Cantor/All repeat' and contains the melody for the second line: 'From the depths we cry to you.' The notes are simple quarter and half notes, with a final double bar line and repeat dots at the end of each staff.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

All: **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Pastor: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

All: **Let us remember the wonders he has done, his miracles and the judgments he pronounced. For he is the Lord our God. He remembers his covenant forever.**

*** INVOCATION**

** Congregation stands.*

* OPENING HYMN: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds He bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. The Fa - ther hears Him pray, His dear a - noint - ed One;
 5. My God is rec - on - ciled; His par - d'ning voice I hear;

the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears.
 His all - re - deem - ing love, His pre - cious blood to plead.
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers; they strong - ly plead for me.
 He can - not turn a - way the pres - ence of His Son.
 He owns me for His child: I can no lon - ger fear.

Be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 His blood a - toned for eve - ry race, His blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O, for - give," they cry, "For - give him, O, for -
 His Spir - it an - swers to the blood, His Spir - it an - swers
 With con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I

Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on His hands.
 eve - ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 to the blood, and tells me I am born of God.
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther," cry!

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1742
 MUSIC: Louis Edson, 1782

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WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

SHEROLL RITCHIE

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Leader: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Kyrie*

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is divided into two measures. The first measure is labeled 'Cantor' and the second 'All'. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The second staff is also divided into two measures, labeled 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' The third staff is divided into two measures, labeled 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.'

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God who speaks his holy law to you and hears our confession also promises his forgiveness. There is no promise he won't keep.

* ACCLAMATION *(Please stand.)*

All: To him who loves us, and frees us from our sins by his blood, to him be glory and power forever and ever. 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.)

MISSION FOCUS

JEFF AND JANE PELZ
INTERVARSITY

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Frost
String Ensemble

* DOXOLOGY

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

KEN WOLGEMUTH

* SONG: *Before the Throne of God Above*

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
 3. Be - hold Him there! The ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,
 strong, a per - fect plea, A great High Priest whose name is
 of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look and see Him
 spot - less Right - eous - ness; The great un change - a - ble I
 "Love," who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 9 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with Him
 grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die, My soul is pur - chased with His
 12 heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can
 free; For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my
 15 bid me thence de - part, no tongue can
 Him and par - don me, to look on
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my
 17 bid me thence de - part.
 Him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God.

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WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: JERRY AND DODY BLACKSTONE

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Jonah 1:11-17*

¹¹ The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, (Jonah) “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?”

¹² “Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.”

¹³ Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. ¹⁴ Then they cried out to the LORD, “Please, LORD, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, LORD, have done as you pleased.” ¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him.

¹⁷ Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Romans 5:6-8*

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *God's Love in the Storms*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to

wondrous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this,
 I was sink-ing down, O my soul! When I was sink-ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
 who is the great "I AM," while mil-lions join the theme, I will

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

TEXT: American Folk Hymn

MUSIC: William Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

WONDROUS LOVE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, Sheroll Ritchie (soritchie@gmail.com) is available today or during the week.

Mission Focus: Jeff and Jane Pelz (InterVarsity). Jeff is the staff worker at C.O.D, reaching out to international students, refugees, immigrants, and students with disabilities as Bible study leader, mentor, and evangelist. Jane is a project manager for InterVarsity's international student ministry national office. Jeff and Jane host activities in their home for internationals and encourage Christian students to join them in outreach. They have served since 1984 (Jane) and 1985 (Jeff), including 19 years overseas.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, string ensemble.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Food Pantry
Iglesia Roca Eterna
College Fellowship @ Netzels' home,
RSVP to deemail1@comcast.net
Youth Group
Adult Ed Zoom

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study
Food pantry open
Men's Book Group (Zoom)

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - noon

Choir rehearsal

In Immanuel and Beyond

Pantry Giving during Lent: March 27, baby wipes; April 3, dry pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, macaroni and cheese dinners); April 10, dish soap. A grocery cart will be in the church entry way to collect contributions.

An Immanuel Easter tradition: If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter by providing a flowering plant in memory of a loved one, sign up to purchase one today or March 27. **No orders can be taken after March 27.** The cost of the plant is \$16; you may take your plant home on Easter morning.