

St. Andrew Worship

Sunday, January 21, 2024 @ 10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

The word of God came to Jonah

The word of God comes to us:

Go

Despite your fears

Speak

the truth of God

Love

your neighbor and you enemy

Forgive

as you have been forgiven

Receive

grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.

*Hymn 22

"God of the Sparrow"

God of the sparrow God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Holy Fountain of Forgiveness, the tale of Jonah reminds us of your never-ending love for all creation. May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to your healing presence. Though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our hearts. We trust you, Holy One; we pour out our hearts to you. Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world— those words and deeds that keep us separated from your love.

(Silent confession)

Assurance of Grace

Do not be afraid. God is with you! That is good news. You do not have to go through life alone, wondering if anyone cares about you or knows your heart. God knows and God loves you. Rejoice for thus it is, has always been, and will continue to be. God's love for you is eternal. AMEN.

Response: *Gloria Patri* (*Unison*)

Prayers of the People

Come and Fill

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!" The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with a few rests.

*Hymn 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

Prayer of Illumination (*Responsive*)

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

First Lesson:

Jonah 1:1-3a, 11-17

(P. 859 OT)

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²“Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” ³But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. ⁴Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ⁵He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.” ⁶Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ⁷Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” ⁸So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ⁹Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. ¹⁰But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Second Lesson:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

(P. 860 OT)

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ⁶When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Sermon

“Repent, God will Relent”

Rev. Anne McAnelly

Offertory

“*At This Table*” by Allan Robert Petker

St. Andrew Choir

Don Adkins, Piano

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.



INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Don Adkins

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord: God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Please come forward at the appropriate time to partake, by dipping your bread in the cup.

Sing 507

"Come to the Table of Grace"

1 Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table;

it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace...

3 Come to the table of love...

4 Come to the table of hope...

5 Come to the table of joy...

CLOSING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn 661

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged"

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?

Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,

when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain { *I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy) I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)* }
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. }

*"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;*

though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,*

I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;

his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain

Benediction