



January 21, 2018 11:15 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Songs

#328

“Praise God, All You Nations”

#414

“Be Still and Know That I Am God”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

Let us love one another,
for love is of God.

All who love are born of God and know God.

All who do not love, do not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:7-8

Song #22

“God of the Sparrow”

Call to Confession

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him;
**as far as the east is from the west,
so far does God remove our transgressions from us.**

Psalms 103

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, Lord, for being hesitant to follow your ways.
We concoct excuses for why we cannot
return good for evil,
let love dominate our relationships,
or embrace your will.
Give us the courage to act without hesitation,
replacing our reluctance with your loving Spirit.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Scripture Lesson

The Story of Jonah

Readers: Mary-beth Howard, Sudie Niesen Thompson, and Greg Jones

Jonah 1:1-6

Response (Hymn No. 8)

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Verses 1 & 2

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound
the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves
submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

Jonah 1:11-2:1

Response (Hymn No. 415)

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Refrain:

**I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.**

Jonah 2:10-3:5

Response (Hymn No. 415)

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Refrain:

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In the arms of my dear Savior,
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Jonah 3:10-4:11

Sermon

“Us and Them”

Greg Jones

Song #435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Song #543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

Verses 1-4

Sending

Song #543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

Verse 5

Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children’s Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Please remember in your prayers Richard Hatfield and Mercer Watt.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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