



JONAH

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BETHEL

An Open and Affirming Church

March 20th, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We welcome you to our worship this morning and are grateful for your presence. No matter who you are, or who you love, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Please introduce yourself to an usher or Rev. Suzanne Wagner to learn more about our ministries.

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Those attending worship in the sanctuary please leave your offerings in the giving baskets located in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like to gift electronically visit our website where you can find a donation link. For those using pledge envelopes, 2022 materials are on the back table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children K-8th are welcomed to leave following the Children's Message.

CABINET MEETING

March 21st, 2022

7:00 PM on Zoom

Save the Dates! Do You Know Jonah? Thursday eve March 31 7:00PM. (please note no study on March 24) Using the Viva Series we will think more deeply on themes that appear in the Book: Trouble, Time Out, Trabajo, Temper Tantrum. We hope you'll join us. The weekly study will last for one hour and be offered via Zoom. All you need is a Bible! **Please register and you will be sent the Zoom link.** Click to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtcOCqgToqHNZYsNsDC4gj4-k1DZDU47Gb>

On April 7th at 7PM, we will be having a zoom presentation about HeatSmart. Check the newsletter for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS --Please send request to the Prayer Request Email:

PRAYER@firstchurchbethel.org

We thank our worship leaders for their participation in this morning's service:

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SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand either in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

Sing A New Song

Instrumental

Call to Worship

Leader: A new day has dawned, God's gift to us; the fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.

People: We are a new creation in Jesus Christ; the old has passed away, the new has come.

Leader: This is a day for reflection and care; God's love for the lost, now found, is abundant.

People: The glad cries of deliverance surround us; shouts of joy arise from our hearts.

All: We will be glad and join the dance of life, and worship our God forever.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #53**

Morning Has Broken

vs. 1 & 3

Unison Prayer of Reconciliation

O God, we will not try to hide from you the wrong we have done or the good we have neglected. You know our transgressions. You have observed our pretensions. O God, grant us, we pray, your forgiveness and a renewed sense of who you intend us to be and to become. Amen.

Silence is Kept

Assurance of Pardon

L: The One who alone is Holy became wholly human so we might see the face of grace. This is our good news: we are forgiven!

P: By God's grace, we are who we are meant to be: forgiven, restored, called people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN OF PRAISE #64** *We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God* vs. 1 & 2

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JONAH
SERMON **If at First You Don't Succeed**

JONAH 3
Rev. Suzanne Wagner

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor's Reflection of Our Joys and Concerns

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Blessed beyond compare, we offer the first fruits of our labor for the work and ministry of Jesus Christ in the world. Let us reflect upon this blessing as we contemplate our musical offering.

Musical Offering *Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)* Instrumental

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Thank you for welcoming us to a celebration of life with so many precious gifts. Thank you now for the privilege of sharing so others may be led to your joyous embrace. Help us to be generous in gratitude for your lavish provision for all our needs. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #5** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* vs. 1 and 3

Benediction

***POSTLUDE** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Instrumental

Attributions:

Prelude

Sing A New Song

Text: Based on Psalm 98; Dan Schutte, b.1947

Music: Dan Schutte, b.1947

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Opening Hymn

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Music: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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Hymn of Praise

#64 We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God (vs. 1 & 2)

Words: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.

Music: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofka[elle], 1784*

Musical Offering

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Closing Hymn #5 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Verses 1 and 3)

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser, 1828, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839 Public Domain

Postlude

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1 Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

3 Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

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1 We sing your mighty power, O God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at your command,
and all the stars obey.

2 We sing your goodness, sovereign God,
who filled the earth with food;
you formed the creatures with your word,
and then pronounced them good.
Oh! how your wonders are displayed
where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread,

or gaze upon the skies.

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1 O for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of his grace!

3 My loving Savior and my God assist me to proclaim,

to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Postlude

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