

## **Sunday, January 21, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jonah doesn't want to be in community with Nineveh. How are we like — or different from — Jonah? Where do we most need mercy? How are we like — or different from — God? From whom are we withholding mercy?

**PRELUDE** — Anneke

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

**\*OPENING HYMN** TFWS #2022 “Great Is the Lord”

**REFRAIN:** Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves he is love.

**1. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!**

**REFRAIN**

**2. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, no lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!**

**3. Great are you Lord and worthy of glory! Great are you Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:  
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!**

**ENDING:** Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** — Isabella Presnall

**One:** The God of all creation calls us.

**Many:** We come, knowing that our deliverance and honor rest in God.

**One:** Mercy and steadfast love belong to God.

**Many:** We come to worship, celebrating the presence of our gracious and loving God

All:           **We, the people of God, answer the call to worship and praise the one, eternal  
God,  
our refuge, our strength, our love.**

## **OPENING PRAYER — Lin**

**HYMN** TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

## **CHILDREN'S STORY — Lin**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC – Choir**

**SCRIPTURE:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10 — Isabell Presnall

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So 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. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup> When 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.

**RESPONSIVE HYMN** UMH #355 “Depth of Mercy” (verses 1-4)

## **1. Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? Can my God his wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?**

**2. I have long withheld his grace, long provoked him to his face,  
Would not hearken to his calls, grieved him by a thousand falls.**

**3. I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified,  
Oft profaned his hallowed name, put him to an open shame**

**4. There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands.  
God is love! I know, I feel: Jesus weeps and loves me still.**

**OFFERTORY** — Scott Anderson, Shelly Anderson, RaeAnn Norell, Anneke Toomey  
“O Lord Most Holy”

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Lin

All: Holy God, we marvel at the strength of your compassion and your ability to offer forgiveness. We come to you, hungry to be part of the good news you are bringing forth, yearning to be part of the realm you are revealing. We lay our gifts before you and ask that you bless them to your purpose, and pray that we may do even more for the building up of your loving community on earth. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER** — Lin [are there any joys or concerns today?]

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #451 “Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only, firs in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**\*BENEDICTION** — Lin

**POSTLUDE** — Anneke

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke

Accomp.—Anneke

Offertory—Scott, Shelly,  
Rae Anne, Anneke

Song Leader—Janice

Special Music — Choir

Organ — Betsy?

Liturgist — Diana Murray

Children's Message — Lin

