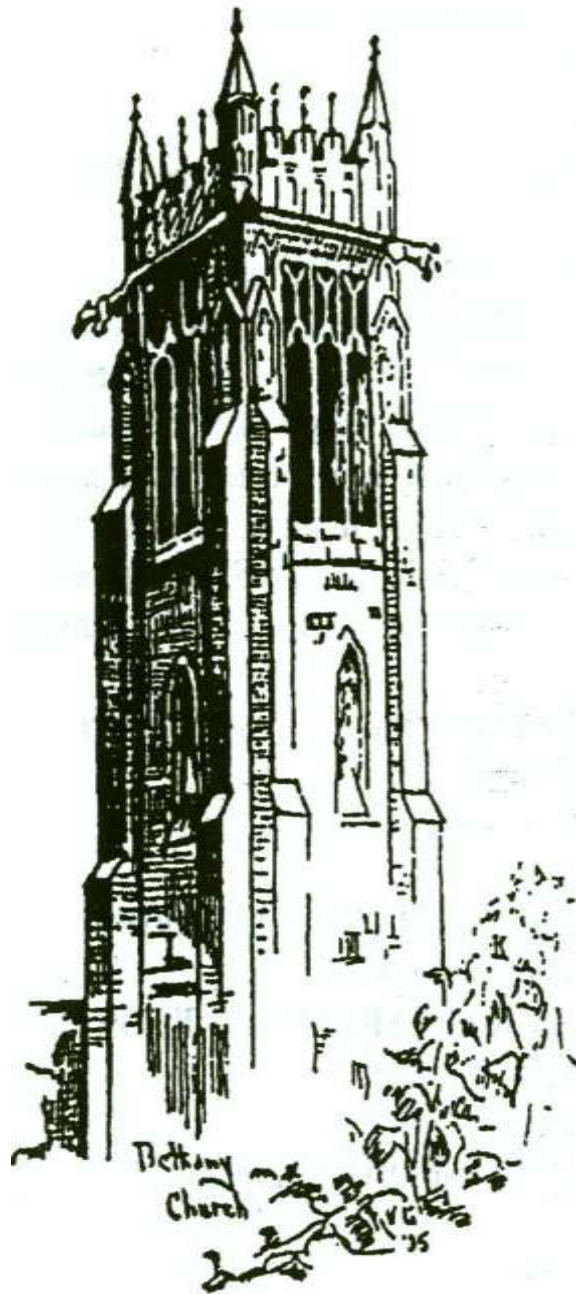


# BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Quincy, Massachusetts

Founded

1832



**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 24, 2021**

# THE LORD'S DAY – A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 2021

**Prelude:** "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" Folk melody from India, arr. Larson

## **Announcements:**

**Solo:** "Come, Sing Unto the Lord" based on Psalm 96 Joseph Martin

Paul Frazer

## **Call to Worship (Responsively):**

Jesus calls us  
to praise and prayer,  
to song and silence;  
**Jesus calls us to worship.**

Jesus calls us  
to hearing and healing,  
to service and solidarity;  
**Jesus calls us to love.**

Jesus calls us  
to advocacy and action,  
to protest and provision;  
**Jesus calls us to justice.**

## **Prayer of Invocation (Unison):**

**Steadfast God, may we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus, who taught us to pray...**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)**

**THE GLORIA PATRI**

**513**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jonah 3:1-10 & Mark 1:14-20  
(See Insert)

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**SERMON**

“When God Intervenes...”  
Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle

**HYMN:** “He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

**370**

(See Insert)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Postlude on "INVITATION" from *The Southern Harmony*

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**\*\*\*The Worship is over. The service begins.\*\*\***

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**JAN 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**Sunday Service in the Church and online  
(Bethany Web Page)**

**9:30 AM**

**FEB. 1<sup>st</sup> Monday**

**Administrative Council Meeting  
(Zoom meeting ID and password will be  
sent to Council Members by email)**

**7:00 PM**



**Thank you to Tom Boyer, Paul Frazer and Marsha Sherman  
For providing this morning's music.**

**FILL THE PEW!**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected in the Narthex. Items help to feed the needy in our local Community. All Donations will help stock the Interfaith Social Services food Pantry in Quincy.



## **JONAH 3:1-5, 10**

Written as a missionary tract, the story calls Israel to a mission of proclaiming God's saving goodness and mercy among all peoples - even Israel's worst enemy - Nineveh, the capital of Assyria. The story ends with Jonah getting his "just desserts" for his too narrow belief that divine compassion extends only to Israel.

### **Conversion of Nineveh**

**3** 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." **3** 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. **4** Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" **5** And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

**6** When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. **7** Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. **8** Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. **9** Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

**10** 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.

## **MARK 1:14-20**

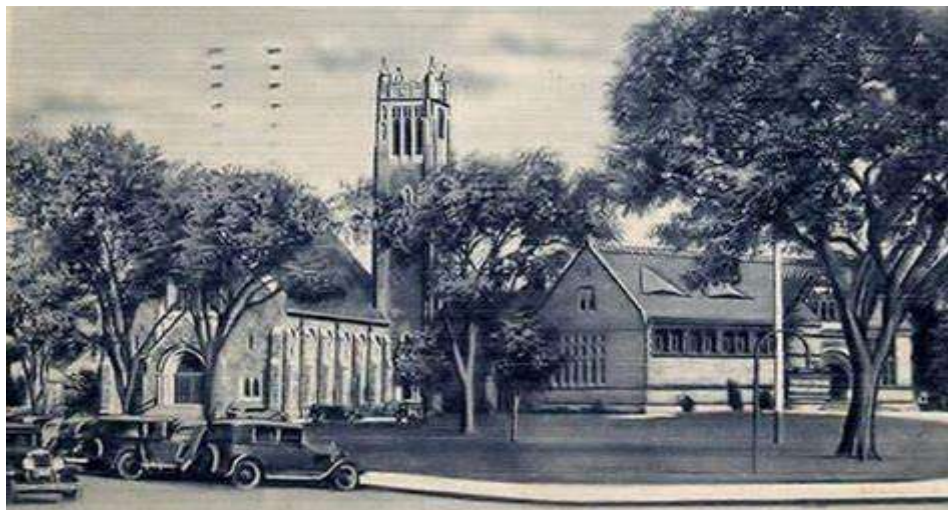
Mark's version of Jesus calling his first disciples is quite different from John's gospel. John the Baptist had been imprisoned, but Jesus took his place preaching repentance and the good news of God's salvation. John said that it was the result of their curiosity. However they were called, it is made clear that the disciples' response was immediate.

### **The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry**

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

### **Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.



Hymn: **He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought**      # 370 in Pilgrim Hymnal

1

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, By his own hand he leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be, For by his hand he leadeth me

2

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine;  
Content, what-ever lot I see  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, By his own hand he leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be, For by his hand he leadeth me

3

And when my task on earth is done,  
When, by thy grace, the victory's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God through Jordan leadeth me

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, By his own hand he leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be, For by his hand he leadeth me

**Please Keep the following people in your prayers.  
Don't forget to reach out with a card or a call.**

Kimberly Beers-Powers  
Kevin Douglas  
Dorothy Mersereau  
Bill & Carol Harding  
Estelle Weinberger

Family of Bruce Crofts  
Pam and John Egan  
Frieda Matthews  
Ava Piazza  
Lorraine Walsh

Family of Jack Douglas  
Bill Ericson  
Bob Goodnow  
Family of Bea Siddens  
Peter & Grace Wang

And all of our at risk members during the COVID-19 crisis

***Mission Moment:***

**In my distress I called to the Lord, and he  
answered me.**

**- Jonah 2:2**



# Children's Worship Bulletin

## Jonah Runs from God

Jonah 1:1-3:3

### Word Search Puzzle

T	Y	I	S	N	I	N	E	V	E	H	S	N	I	Y
Y	X	Y	L	Z	K	H	T	H	R	E	E	U	E	R
L	A	M	O	Q	I	H	V	I	S	O	K	G	Z	F
D	C	S	N	N	S	R	S	W	A	L	L	O	W	O
H	A	A	Y	I	I	Z	U	O	I	P	C	N	Y	N
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J	D	L	A	R	O	V	N	I	G	H	T	S	A	S
P	D	L	R	M	T	L	X	R	T	B	O	L	K	C
C	K	Y	D	B	K	J	U	M	D	C	M	S	R	B

SWALLOW  
OBEY  
OVERBOARD

SAILORS  
CALM  
NIGHTS

THREE  
DAYS  
BELLY

NINEVEH  
STORM  
FISH

SHIP  
JONAH  
SPIT

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# Fill In The Blanks

A word has been removed from each sentence and is listed below the sentences. Use the listed words to fill the blanks in the sentence.

God spoke to Jonah and told him to go preach in the city of \_\_\_\_\_.

Jonah got on a \_\_\_\_\_ heading in the opposite direction from where God told him to go.

God caused a great \_\_\_\_\_ to come upon the sea.

The sailors tossed Jonah into the sea to \_\_\_\_\_ the storm.

God sent a great \_\_\_\_\_ to swallow Jonah.

Jonah was in the fish for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

While in the fish, Jonah repented and promised to go \_\_\_\_\_ in Nineveh.

God caused the fish to spit Jonah out onto the \_\_\_\_\_.

God spoke to Jonah a \_\_\_\_\_ time and told him to go to Nineveh.

This time, Jonah \_\_\_\_\_ God and went to Nineveh.

Nineveh

calm

obeyed

ship

three

fish

shore

second

storm

preach



# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.  
Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to  
reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

19-20-15-18-13 \_\_\_\_\_

19-16-9-20 \_\_\_\_\_

2-5-12-12-25 \_\_\_\_\_

20-8-18-5-5 \_\_\_\_\_

14-9-7-8-20-19 \_\_\_\_\_

6-9-19-8 \_\_\_\_\_

4-1-25-19 \_\_\_\_\_

19-23-1-12-12-15-23 \_\_\_\_\_

19-8-9-16 \_\_\_\_\_

19-1-9-12-15-18-19 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Coloring Page

