

Home Worship Liturgy 6/14//2020

**This is the Day that the Lord has made,
let us be glad and rejoice in it. Psalm 118:24**

*Opening Prayer (Have one person read this out loud)

Loving God, as we gather today, we offer prayers, joining our voices to the great chorus of those who sing your praise and depend on you alone. We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace and praise your name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Songs of Praise and Hope¹ (The words to the songs have been provided below for singing or reflection. If you would like to sing along with a video or simply listen to the music, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.)

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxEUIJuDQfA>

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the Sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
fill us with the light of day**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
chanting¹ bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in Thee**

¹ All songs covered by CCLI License #20557596

Thou art giving and forgiving
 ever blessing, ever blest
 well-spring of the joy of living
 ocean-depth of happy rest
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—
 all who live in love are Thine
 Teach us how to love each other
 lift us to the Joy Divine

Ancient Words

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vmTkXNpwzs>

Holy words long preserved
 For our walk in this world,
 They resound with God's own heart
 Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope
 Give us strength, help us cope
 In this world, where e'er we roam
 Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true
 Changing me, and changing you.
 We have come with open hearts
 Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
 Handed down to this age.
 Came to us through sacrifice
 Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved
 For our walk in this world.
 They resound with God's own heart
 Oh let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true
 Changing me, and changing you.
 We have come with open hearts
 Oh let the ancient words impart.

Speak O Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubRIJj8xkds>

**Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory**

**Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief**

**Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory**

Bible Text and Sermon (To access the sermon video/audio and worship liturgy, please visit our website at

idealparkchurch.com and click on the “**Current Sermon Series**” tab for June 14. From there, click on “**Watch Now**” or “**Read Now**”.

Message title: "Running From (and To) God"

Pastor Chris Bouma

Scripture: Jonah 1:17 - Jonah 2:10

¹⁷ Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

¹ From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. ² He said:

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

**From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,
and you listened to my cry.**

**³ You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.**

**⁴ I said, ‘I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.’**

**⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me,^[b]
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.**

**⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in forever.**

**But you, LORD my God,
brought my life up from the pit.**

**⁷ “When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, LORD,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.**

**⁸ “Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God’s love for them.**

**⁹ But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.**

**What I have vowed I will make good.
I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”**

¹⁰ And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Message Outline

Jonah’s dire situation

- Belly of a fish at the bottom of the sea
- Jonah’s feeling on his situation

Feeling like Jonah

- Running from God in obvious ways

- Running from God in less obvious ways
- Ending up like Jonah

God's solution for Jonah

- Hearing and remembering God's Word
- Taking time to reflect
- God's gracious actions

Practices for us to embrace

Questions:

-How have I experienced God's presence in reading Scripture and finding times of solitude? Should (and how) can I make more time for this?

-Is there anything that gets in the way of God's invitation to a deeper relationship with him? If so, what?

-Whatever situation I find myself in, how can I better trust in God

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world (Read each of these as you feel led, either out loud or silently.)

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit God,

You have given us everything. Not only did you create us, but you provide for our every need. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your love endures forever.

When we turned away from you, you reached down to us. You lifted us up and freed us through the gift of your Son. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your love endures forever.

You are with us always. You watch over our coming and our going. Your Holy Spirit guides us and leads us every step of our lives. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

For your abundant grace we give you thanks. Gratefully we offer the ourselves to you. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Your love endures forever. Use our time, our talents, and our gifts for your glory. May it bless others with hope, peace, and joy.

It is in Jesus' precious and Holy name that we pray. Amen.

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SCorW9r_Is)

What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 Everything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
 Oh, what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry
 Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful,
 Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness;
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

When you have gone through this liturgy and discussion, consider calling a friend or two from church to see how they are doing.

**“The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on
 you and be gracious to you;
 the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”
 Numbers 6:24-26 (New International Version)**