

**Home Worship Liturgy      6/21//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)

**Lord, our God, we trust your promise to be among us as we gather. We come in the name of Christ, drawn by your Spirit, eager to hear your Word. Fill our hearts with your Spirit and prepare us for faithful service. Amen.**

**Songs of Praise and Hope<sup>1</sup> (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.)**

**O Worship the King      <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAl5pWbjKQc>**

1. O worship the King, all glorious above;  
and gratefully sing His wonderful love,  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might, and sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail,  
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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<sup>1</sup> All songs covered by CCLI License #20557596

**I Serve a Risen Savior**      [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBTluxqFu\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBTluxqFu_A)

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever people say;  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and every time I need him he's always near.

**(Refrain)** He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary I never will despair;  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last. **(Refrain)**

3. Rejoice, rejoice O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
No other is so loving, so good and kind. **(Refrain)**

**This is the Day**      <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXZwW0D2OZ4>

This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.

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

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**Message title: "Turning to the Good"**

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## Scripture: Jonah 3

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup>This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup>But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

## Message Outline

### Nineveh’s situation and accomplishment

- Nineveh’s power
- Nineveh’s gods
- Nineveh’s misery

### People seeking all the wrong things

- “Flaming nostrils” and anger at people running away
- Filling lives with all the wrong things

### Nineveh’s Realization that God wants them to follow Him

- Jonah’s warning
- Nineveh’s (rapid) response
- God’s response

### For us

- Importance of realizing God’s grace
- Importance of sharing God’s grace

### Questions:

Nineveh turned to God quite quickly. Does this surprise you? How does that impact my perspective on sharing the good news about God?

**-We observe a very dedicated repentance by the people of Nineveh to God. What do you think is in their hearts that causes such a drastic response to Jonah's message?**

**-What is it in our lives that people turn to for hope?**

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

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit God,**

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.**

**We furthermore thank you for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence upon your mercies alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.***

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**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

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

**1** "Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

**(Refrain)** "Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **(Refrain)**“
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**“

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)**