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

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The mercy of the Lord is everlasting. Lord, open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise. 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.)

O Worship The King https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAI5pWbjKQc

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.

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.

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.

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!

Trust and Obey

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmGb3zRv6xE

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word What a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey. (cont)

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Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, But our toil he doth richly repay; Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, Or we will walk by his side in the way; What he says we will do, where he sends we will go, Never fear, only trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

He Knows My Name

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXsiWoyjw60

I have a Maker, He formed my heart; Before even time began my life was in his hands.

(**Refrain**) He knows my name. He knows my every thought. He sees each tear that falls and hears me when I call

I have a Father, He calls me His own. He'll never leave me no matter where I go. (Refrain)

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 July 12. From there, click on "Watch Now" or "Read Now".

Message title: "The Paradox of Jonah"

Pastor Chris Bouma

Scripture: Ephesians 2:3-5

³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Message Outline

What to make of Jonah?

- Jonah as called by God, a prophet
- Jonah as a sinner

The life of faith

- Recognizing sin
- Saved by grace
- Misconceptions about sinners saved by grace

God transforms us

- God moves Jonah from where he was
- God moves Jonah's perspective

God's work of sanctification in our lives

Questions for this week are:

What does it look like to struggle against sin? How do we do this?

Do I see growth in myself in particular areas of my life?

Ephesians 2:4-5 tells us we have been made alive with Christ. What does this mean? Why does God do this (v. 4)?

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

Lord Jesus, you are our living head. Teach us to be your body here on earth— your hands, your feet, your eyes, and your compassionate heart.

Lord, send the impulses of your love into the sinews of this church. May your will and thoughts direct us. Let your hands, through our hands, supply food for our neighbors' hunger.

Let them hear your voice as we visit and talk with them.

Let children come to us and sit in our laps, as they sat in yours.

Without you as our head, Lord, we are lifeless.

We wait for your power, your Word, your instruction. Fill us with your life and love, Jesus. Amen.

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Amazing Grace

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3yLV2M0rlc)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun

> "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)