

**Gathered by God...**

Prelude *Prelude in C minor* JS Bach

Welcome and announcements

Interlude

**\* Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

**People: The Lord is a great God,  
And a great King above all gods.**

Leader: Let us extol God in the congregation of the people;  
Let us praise God in our assembly.

**People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
God's greatness is unsearchable.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;  
Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

**\* Opening Prayer**

\* Hymn *Let all creation bless the Lord* HWB 61

**To hear God's Word...**

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

- 1: Gracious God, we come before you to confess:  
we have not lived out the folly of the Gospel.
- 2: You call us to be poor in spirit,  
yet we often place our desires over the needs of  
others.
- 1: You call us to mourn,  
yet we insulate ourselves  
from the pain surrounding us.
- 2: You call us to be meek,  
yet we struggle to appear strong and superior.
- 1: You call us to thirst for righteousness,  
yet we want to take the easiest path.
- 2: You call us to be pure in heart,  
yet our hearts are pulled in many directions.
- 1: You call us to be peacemakers,  
yet we struggle to live in peace  
with those closest to us

and we are too often silent about the warring ways  
of our nation.

**All: Forgive us, O God,  
and help us to follow the way of Jesus ever more faithfully.  
Amen.**

Hymn *Rain down* STJ 49

Scripture Reading Jonah 3-4

Sermon The word of the Lord came to Jonah, **again...**

\* Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy* HWB 145

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Evensong* Bruce Steane

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

**Rejoicing, we go forth!**

\* Hymn *The love of God* STJ 44

\* Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in C minor* JS Bach

*Our worship ends after the postlude; please remain seated for the postlude.*

*\*All who are able are invited to stand where indicated.*

*Hymnals used in worship: HWB – Hymnal a Worship Book (blue)*

*STJ – Sing the Journey (green)*

*STS – Sing the Story (purple)*

Worship Leader: Jan Croyle

Preacher: Rachel Siemens

Organ: Ryan Croyle

Children's Time: Jan Althaus

Scripture Reading: Jack & Mona Rohrer

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**Welcome** to worship this morning. We are glad you are here. This morning we will hear the story of Jonah as part of our *Stories of God's People* series.

**Today is a Family Fun Day.** All are invited to Croyle's to swim from 3-4, which will be followed by Women's Bible study and a Men's discussion group. You are invited to bring something light along for supper, hot dogs will be provided. The MYF will meet after supper.

**Three** more weeks until the Relief Sale. Check your pants pockets and the top of your dresser for change. The Penny Power jug is waiting for your contribution!  
~Mission Commission

**GREETERS** Today: Roberta Mohr

Next Sunday: Norma Rohrer

**USHER for JULY**

Paul Brenneman

To be the church we would like to be, we need to offer \$6,713 this month. We have received \$4,365 so far this month. Loaves & Fishes for this month is the fee for Rachel's visa extension application.

**Roof Update:** The Finance Committee along with the Building Committee have reviewed the two estimates for the addition and shingling of the sanctuary roof.

The bids for the project were more than we expected (between \$105,000 and \$110,000). The reason for the higher bids is due to the need for additional material on the sanctuary roof. When the church was built, a material called "tectem" was used. The contractors were told by the dealers of this material that it is not recommended to nail the shingles directly to the existing roof. This means that 2 by 4's, foam and plywood would need to be attached to the roof and necessary prep materials before the shingles.

We have decided to get back with the two contractors to see if they could use a different material to save cost. We have also contacted another contractor for a third bid and they have been told to bid the job with shingles and alternate materials. We are hoping to get the bids to \$90,000.

This is a BIG project and we need to take our time and get it right.

**THIS WEEK, July 19-25:**

**Thursday:** Noon deadline for bulletin announcements  
please email announcements to Rachel

**Sunday:** 9:30am **Sunday School** for all ages  
K-12 Class: *How to be a true friend*  
Upper Room: *God's Week Has Seven Days: Monday*  
*Musings for Marketplace Christians*  
Pathfinders Class: *Articles and discussion*  
10:45am **Worship 'Stories of God's People'**  
'Jeremiah'

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# Stories of God's People

