

Worship: Sunday Aug. 14, 2016

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We Gather in the Presence of God

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sing *“This is the day, that the Lord has made, I will rejoice, and be glad in it.”*

Call to Worship: **(Psalm 62)**

The God of all creation calls us.

We come, knowing that our deliverance and honor rest in God.

Power and steadfast love belong to God.

We come to sing and pray, celebrating the presence of this mighty, loving God. Amen.

Opening Prayer

God's greeting and Congregational Amen!

Passing of the Peace

We Are Renewed in Grace

Sing *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* (insert)

Prayer of Confession

Holy Fountain of Forgiveness, the tale of Jonah reminds us of your never ending love for all creation.

May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to your healing presence.

Though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our hearts. We trust you, Holy One; we pour out our hearts to you.

Silent Confession

Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world—those words and deeds that keep us separated from your love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

When we repent, our God relents, lifting us beyond the pain, restoring us to safety, protecting us in the refuge of eternal love.

In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, we are forgiven. Glory be to God. Amen.

Sing *Alleluia* *Lord, I Love You* *Thank You, Jesus*

Congregational Song of Praise

1. *Lord, we've come to worship You. (repeat) **for we know that Your name is worthy, oh Lord, and we've come to worship You.*
2. *Lord, we've come to give You thanks (repeat) ***
3. *Lord, we come to give You praise repeat) ***

God Speaks Through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture **Jonah 3:10-4:11**

Meditation ***“When God Breaks in He Stretches Us”***

Prayer

Sing *“Hear our prayer, O Lord (repeat)
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace ****”*

Our Response to God

Confession of Faith

Offering & Prayer

Intercessory Prayer

Sing ***

We Go Out to Serve in God's World

Sing *Thank You, Lord! (3x) I just want to thank You Lord! Been so good. Saved my soul*

Benediction

Postlude