

January 21, 2024

8:15 AM

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

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¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

*Welcome to Worship at
The United Methodist Church in East Greenwich
We're Glad You Are Here!*



One of our constant questions when addressing a biblical text is, "Who are we in this story?" If we're honest with ourselves, we can't help but identify with Jonah. Maybe this is our story too. And it is good to be honest enough with ourselves to admit that. But the real call of the book of Jonah is to be more like the God who sent him; the one who believes in second chances; the one who doesn't give up issuing the invitation, even when the response isn't what was hoped. We ask again and again; we invite again and again. We make ready, roll out the carpet, and focus on hospitality again and again. That's what it means that God didn't give up on Jonah. We don't give up on one another and on the community around us. We are in the business of making disciples who make disciples. [Discipleship Ministries]

If you have not already connected with EGUMC, please **visit us on the Web at www.methodistchurcheg.org**. You will find **recent worship services, sermons** and **musical selections** available for podcast. Just click on the link and listen to the sermons on your laptop or home computer. We also have the most recent church bulletins and newsletters, as well as information on past and future events. We'd love to hear your story and answer any questions you may have about the church and the EGUMC community. Give us a call! Or leave a message and we'll call you. Let's connect!

We want to walk with you in the way of discipleship. If you are new to the area, or if you do not regularly attend worship, **we invite you to make your church home with us**. Membership in the United Methodist Church in East Greenwich is open to everyone who wishes to join in covenant with us as we work to be God's people in the world. If you would like to belong to this family of faith, membership packets are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you have any questions, or want to know more about the church, please speak with me or with our Lay Leaders, Don Gray or Leslie Pires. They will be happy to talk with you.

Pastor Thom Blackstone

Third Sunday After Epiphany
“The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time...”
[Jonah 3:1]

Welcome and Announcements

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Beth Yerger

****Call to Worship**

****Hymn of Preparation**

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

#2238, vs. 1, 3, 5

Concerns and Celebrations

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

WE HEAR THE STORY

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Leader: As we hear what the Spirit says to the Church,

People: May our hearts be open.

****Hymn of Proclamation**

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

#2128

Sermon

Pastor Thom Blackstone

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Returning Thanks



Offertory

****Song of Thanksgiving**

****Prayer of Dedication**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Beth Yerger

#95

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

****Hymn of Response**

“Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)”

#583

****Blessing and Sending Forth**

Postlude

Beth Yerger

****Indicates to please stand in body or spirit**

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Usher/Greeter ~ John Vitko

Audio Visual ~ Lin Smith