

August 23rd, 2026 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14)

Preludes

Welcome

Call to Worship:

When we run, **God pursues us.**

When we wander, **God calls us home.**

When we find ourselves in the depths, **God hears our cries.**

When we need another chance, **God meets us with mercy.**

God's grace reaches farther than our failures
and wider than our boundaries.

God's mercy is for us—and for the whole world.

Come, let us worship the God of relentless grace.

**We come to worship the God who saves, forgives,
and makes all things new!**

Opening Prayer:

**Gracious God, You pursue us when we run and meet us
with mercy when we fall. Open our hearts today to hear
Your voice, receive Your grace, and share that same grace
with others. Help us see the greater sign of Jonah—the
risen Christ, who brings life from death and hope from the
deepest places. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*Opening Praise:

"Shout To The Lord"

Children's Message

"5 Minute Bible Stories w/Pastor B"

Week 11: Jonah:

You Can't Outrun God's Love!

Joys and Concerns/Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

*GLORIA PATRI

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Choir Anthem:

"10,000 Reasons"

The Offertory

*"The Doxology"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**God of relentless mercy, You pursued Jonah when he ran,
showed compassion to Nineveh, and revealed Your
greatest mercy through Jesus Christ. As we offer these
gifts, use them to carry Your grace beyond our walls and
into the lives of others. May our giving proclaim the Big
Picture: Your mercy reaches everyone. In Jesus' name,
Amen.**

*Hymn

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

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The Scripture Lesson(s): Jonah 3:10-4:11, Matthew 12:38–41

Message:

The Big Picture
Finding Jesus in the Old Testament
Week 11 — Jonah:
More Than a Whale Story

Music Ministry

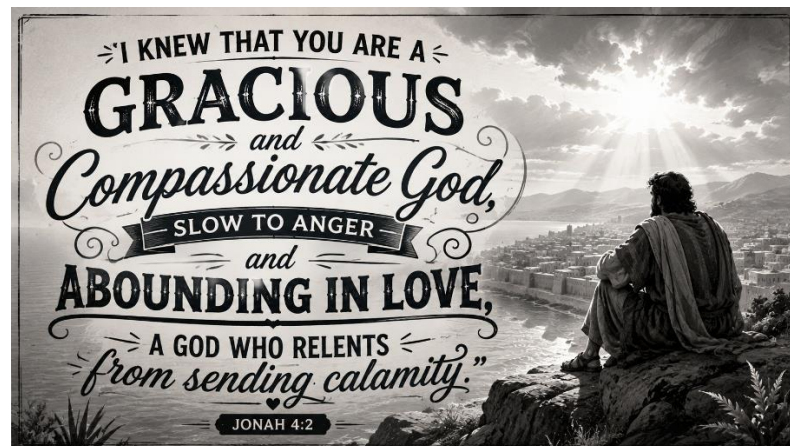
"O Come to the Altar"

*Hymn

"In the Garden"

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Benediction and Going Forth:



“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world.”



“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”

— THE BIG PICTURE —
FINDING JESUS
— IN THE OLD TESTAMENT —

JONAH:
MORE THAN A
WHALE STORY


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