



In this series, we are seeing how the book of Jonah is the story of God's pursuit. Today we see that Jonah needed to be saved after being thrown overboard in a storm and swallowed by a fish. He needed a savior, like we need a savior from sin and death. We can celebrate with Jonah that salvation belongs to the LORD!

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:1-2

Songs of Praise

Graves to Gardens

Blessed Assurance/Beautiful Savior

Confession of Faith

New City Catechism #11

What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

A: Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual

immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

Reference -Romans 13:9

Offering

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Please prayerfully consider an online offering

Song of Declaration

Your Grace Finds Me/Amazing Grace

Confession of Sin

Leader: Blessed Jesus, you offered us all your blessings when you announced. "Blessed are the poor in spirit"

People: but we have been rich in pride.

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn

People: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

Leader: Blessed are the meek

People: but we are a stiff-necked people.

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

People: but we are filled to the full with other things.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful.

People: but we are harsh and impatient.

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart

People: but we have impure hearts.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers

People: but we have not sought reconciliation.

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness

People: but our lives do not challenge the world.

Leader: Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me

People: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Leader: Your Law is holy and your blessings are perfect, but they are both too great for us. You alone are blessed.

People: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

Reference -[Matthew 5:3-11](#)

Assurance of Pardon

[1 John 1:7-9](#)

Children's Message

Sermon - Salvation Belongs to the LORD

Sermon Scripture - [Jonah 1:17-2:10](#)

Introduction

- [Matthew 12:40](#)

Separation

- What is the main takeaway from the idea that God appointed the great fish?
 - [Jonah 1:3](#)
- What does Jonah need to remember while in the belly of the fish?
- How is this an “experiential” experience for Jonah?

Grace

- What realization does Jonah make ([Jonah 1:17](#) and [Jonah 2:9](#))?
 - [Acts 16:31](#)
- Is anyone beyond saving?
 - [Ephesians 2:1-2](#)

- What is the ultimate end if we are left to ourselves?

Salvation

- What does it mean for salvation to belong to the LORD?
 - *He alone could have found the way to declare ungodly men godly and justified. He alone could have taken fallen children of Adam and made it possible for them to sit upon the throne of the universe with himself. He alone could have taken those who were joined to the harlotry of sin and turned them into the pure bride of Christ. - Donald Bathhouse*
- What do we learn in [1 Corinthians 2:14](#)?
- What is the result of Jonah recognizing God's plan of salvation for him?

Song of Response

How Great Thou Art

Benediction

1. How would you respond to someone that says the story of Jonah is a fairy tale?
2. How can we go from a "head knowledge" of the gospel to really experiencing the gospel in our life?
3. When have you felt separated from God? What did you do in order to draw closer to God after that experience?
4. Read [Acts 16:31](#). How can this statement help us in our own evangelistic efforts?
5. Read [1 Corinthians 2:14](#). Why is this idea so hard for people to accept?
6. Do you identify with Jonah so far in our study? If so, how?

