

Worship Notes for August 30, 2020 - Orrville Trinity UMC

“Same Storm, Different Boats” Series

Here are some resources to help you engage the worship theme with your family or small group. Blessings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Pastor David

Opening Prayer: Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Amen.

WEEK #2: “Just Show Up and See What Happens”

This Week’s Scripture Passage: Jonah 1-4 (story of Jonah and Nineveh)

Memory Verses for this Worship Series: Philippians 4:4-9

4 Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! 5 Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. 6 Don’t be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. 7 Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. 8 From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. 9 Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

- We had some literal storms pass through our area this week. What are the “storms of life” that you’re facing right now? What “storms” do you see others navigating?
- Jonah was given a mission to go and speak God’s word to the Ninevites. But, his first response was to go in the opposite direction. How do you tend to avoid God’s calling in your life? What might God be asking you to do that you’ve been putting off?
- God got Jonah’s attention through a great storm and a large fish. How did Jonah respond while inside the fish? How did he respond after being spit out on the beach?
- How did the people of Nineveh respond to the message Jonah brought to them? Did that surprise you that a group of people known for their evil ways would change?
- What do you make of Jonah’s attitude after the Ninevites repented?
- How do we perceive people around us who appear to live ungodly lives? Do we give them the benefit of the doubt that their hearts and lives might be changed by God?
- Our spiritual practice for this week is **Presence**. Who is God calling you to be present with right now? In the midst of the pandemic, consider a variety of ways to be present with that person – a phone call, a distanced front/back porch visit, etc.