



# KINGS & PROPHETS



November 8, 2020. All Saints' Sunday. Narrative Lectionary week 9 of year 3.

## GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Call to Worship Psalm 20:1-2, 4-8

One: I pray that the Lord answers you whenever you are in trouble. Let God send help to you from the sanctuary and support you from Zion.

**All: Let God grant what is in your heart and fulfill all your plans. Then we will rejoice that you've been helped. We will fly our flags in the name of our God. Let the Lord fulfill all your requests!**

One: Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed one; God answers his anointed one from his heavenly sanctuary, answering with mighty acts of salvation achieved by his strong hand.

**All: Some people trust in chariots, others in horses; but we praise the Lord's name. They will collapse and fall, but we will stand up straight and strong.**

Prayer of Confession

**God of Abraham and Sarah, you are a God of promises and blessing. Yet we forget your promises and mistake your blessing with our own doing. God of Kings and Prophets, you are a God of covenant and steadfast love. Yet we forget to care for the hungry, poor, alien, orphan, and widow. Forgive our failure to remember your instructions. Write them within us and engrave them on our hearts. Be our God, and we will be your people.**

*Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession*

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #396 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94 "Praise God"

Musical Offering "Life's Highway" Bob Fornander

Prayer for Peace 520 in UM Book of Worship

Remember, Prince of Peace, the peoples of the world divided into many nations and tongues. Deliver us from every evil that obstructs your saving purpose, and fulfill your promises of old to establish your kingdom of peace. O Lord, Deliver us

From believing and speaking lies against other nations, R

From narrow loyalties and selfish isolation, R

From fear and distrust of other nations, from all false pride, vainglory, and self-conceit, R

From the lust of the mighty for riches that drives peaceful people to slaughter, R

From putting our trust in the weapons of war and from want of faith in the power of justice and good will, R

From every thought, word, and deed that divides the human family and separates us from the perfect realization of your love, R

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #605 "Wash, O God,  
Your Sons and Daughters"

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Jonah 1: 1-17, 3:1-10 (CEB)

The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his

own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish."

Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"

He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.) The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?"

"Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. Then they cried out to the LORD, "Please, LORD, do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, LORD, have done as you pleased." Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him.

Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah be-

gan by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Sermon "Escaping from God"  
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Hymn #374 "Standing on the Promises" verse 3

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Blessing

Postlude



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**WEEKLY GPS**

**GROW**

**PRAY**

**STUDY**

**Coming Next:**

Nov. 15	Call of Isaiah	Isaiah 6:1-8
Nov. 22	Jeremiah's Call For Repentance	Jeremiah 36:1-28, 31:31-34
Nov. 29	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Daniel 6:6-27
Dec. 6	Turn to God	Joel 2: 12-13, 28-29

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Jonah 1:9**

But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jonah 1</b>	<b>Jonah Tries to Run from God</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jonah 3</b>	<b>Conversion of Nineveh</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jonah 4</b>	<b>Jonah's Anger</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Exodus 33:7-23</b>	<b>Moses Sees God</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Exodus 40:18-34</b>	<b>Moses Sets Up the Tabernacle</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Exodus 40:34-38</b>	<b>The Glory of the Lord</b>

**CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS**

- **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God's message to the people of Nineveh was to repent, or to turn away from their path and walk down God's. What was something you did today when you ought to have said sorry? Did you?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** The prophet Isaiah encounters God in the temple. Most of the time we do not see God in such a dramatic way. We can often see God in beautiful things and acts of love, kindness, and justice. What did you experience today where you might have seen a glimpse of God?