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(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.  
All points marked \* those who are able are invited to stand.)

## Approach

Gathering Hymn MV #28 – “*God of the Bible*”

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come, let’s praise God together!

**All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

One: Let’s tell stories of God’s power and majesty, His mighty acts throughout history:

**All: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

One: Let’s remember the compassion He has shown toward us; His mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

**All: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

One: Let’s pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

**All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

One: Let’s worship God together!

**All: Let’s worship God together here and now!**

\* Opening Hymn MV #46 – “*Bless the Lord*”

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**Holy One, you have promised to be with us, and long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us and guide us to a future of goodness and hope. We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness. O God, you are with us this morning. Let us feel your presence and welcome you into our lives. Come and fill these desires of our hearts. So often we don’t open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts so that we might be present to your nudging us back towards your desires for our lives. We think that we have all the answers; we think that we always know what we need to do. When we rely solely on ourselves we can stray from you, Holy God. Help us to always be aware of you moving in our lives, in our hearts. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon / Passing the Peace

## The Word

Anthem – “You Can’t Hide From the Lord”



Scripture Reading – Jonah 3:10-4:11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

\* Hymn VU #272 – “*Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*”

Reflection – “Jonah, “Seriously?”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

## The Response

\* Offering / Response (VU #538)

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live;  
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands;  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Children’s Time / Lord’s Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

\* Closing Hymn VU #625 – “*I Feel the Winds of God*”

\* Benediction / Response (tune VU #460)

**From this place of prayer and praising,  
Cross and table, well-worn pews,  
God, we leave to work and witness,  
Living every day for you.  
Bless your people as we journey,  
Loving parent, Holy Friend;  
Spirit, guide your people onward,  
‘Til once more we meet again.**

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Patrick Woodbeck, Student Minister  
Heather Karavas, Office Administrator  
Sarah Closen, Liturgist

Laura Steidl, Music Director  
Myrna Hagues, Organist  
Gina Grant, Custodian

Welcome Ministry: Gloria Waldron, Anne Thoroughgood  
and Peter Czehryn