

PRELUDE ◇ A time of quiet preparation *Cornet Voluntary/ G. Berg*
All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above (Hymn 4)/ arr. R. Wilson

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD Psalm 103:1-5 (NIV)

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits —
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,**

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,

People: **Who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 6 *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord*

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH Psalm 103: 6-19 (NIV)

Leader: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of
Israel.

People: **The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,
abounding in love. He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever.**

Leader: He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

People: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his
love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has
compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are
formed, he remembers that we are dust.

People: **As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower
of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place
remembers it no more.**

Leader: But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who
fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children —
with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

People: **The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your pres-
ence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the
depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on
the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right
hand will hold me fast. Psalm 139:7-10 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Jesus, Name Above All Names/ O, How I Love Jesus/ arr. M. Hayes
Aviendha Fogie, pianist

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 1:1-2; 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-11 (NIV)

Jonah 1:1-2

¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² "Go to the great city of
Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before
me."

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² "Go to the great city
of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was
a very large city — a visit required three days. ⁴ On the first day, Jonah started
into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be over-
turned." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them,
from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Jonah 4:1-11

¹ But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, “O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

⁴ But the LORD replied, “Have you any right to be angry?”

⁵ Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine.

⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?”

“I do,” he said. “I am angry enough to die.”

¹⁰ But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.

¹¹ But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?”

SERMON

Lessons Even a Prophet Needs to Learn
Rev. Dwight McKay

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **128**

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

God Walks Beside Me/ L. Smith