

**Worship at Home Guide:** January 24, 2021

**Prelude:** \* *Air* – Ludwig van Beethoven

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**GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD**

**Opening Prayer:**

*Today’s opening prayer is a prayer of confession. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.*

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ’s way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Lead a life worthy of your calling – with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bod of peace.*

**Opening Hymn:** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair  
May Jesus Christ be praised!
  
2. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!

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## **GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture: Jonah 3:1-10; Mark 1:14-20**

### **Jonah 3:1-10**

<sup>3</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

### **Mark 1:14-20**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**Sermon:** Callings

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## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **Offering**

**Response:** *Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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## **SENDING US OUT TO BE GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD**

**Closing Hymn:** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

1. Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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### **Charge and Benediction:**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Postlude:** \* *March of Victory* – George Blake

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