

# Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

**October 1, 2023**

**9:30am**

## Theme: A Closer Look

*If you have a prayer request today, please fill out the card in your pew rack and hand it to an usher prior to the Prayers of the People.*

# Prelude

# Welcome

*Songs of Praise	"I Will Call Upon the Lord"	TFWS 2002
	"God of Love and God of Power" (vs 1-3)	Hymnal 578

\*Greeting

Leader: We have heard a prophet's cry;

**People:** The appointed hour has come.

Leader: We have heard a prophet's cry;

**People:** The realm of heaven has entered our midst.

Leader: We have heard a prophet's cry;

**People: Let us take a closer look, and listen more carefully.**

Leader: We have heard a prophet's cry;

**ALL: LET US SET OUR HEARTS AND HOPES ON GOD!**

### Opening Prayer (unison)

**God, the story of Jonah is familiar in both our memory and experience. This story has been told to us, and in so many ways experienced by us. Call us beyond the spectacular elements of this story and into what it might have to say to us in our own time and place today. Help us not sit in judgment over Jonah, but to enter his shoes, that we may discover what he learned about you, we pray. AMEN.**

Prayer Song	"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" (vs 1)	Hymnal 352
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Prayers of the People/Our Lord's Prayer

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Anthem	“Be With Us Now, O Lord”	Chancel Choir
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Scripture Reading                      Jonah 2:10; 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-11

## Children's Message

\*Hymn                      “For the Healing of the Nations” (vs 1-3)                      Hymnal 428

Sermon                                      “It’s Not About the Fish”                                      Pastor Chad Gilbertson

*Hymn	"Amazing Abundance"	W&S 3120
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## Holy Communion

*Please bring your offering forward and place it in the plate/basket on the front pew as you come to receive Communion.*

## Announcements

\*Benediction

Leader: As the story of Jonah comes to a close, we are left with some questions:

**People:** Will we participate in petty back-and-forth passive aggression?

Leader: Will we seek to have the last word or to cause harm?

**People: Will we hate our enemies to our own destruction?**

Leader: Will we be swallowed up by hate and bigotry?

**People: Will we experience the self-induced exile that refusing to seek peace and understanding will lead to?**

Leader: The choice is ours.

**ALL: HELP US TO GO FORTH AND CHOOSE WISELY.**

\*Hymn                      “For the Healing of the Nations” (vs 4)                      Hymnal 428

## Postlude

### Worship Leaders

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### This Week:

Monday, Oct. 2	9:30am 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Oct. 3	1:00pm 7:00pm	Lakefront Bible Study Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Oct. 4	8:30am 6:15pm 7:00pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity 7th/8th Confirmation Class (Parsonage) Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Oct. 5	6:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Oct. 8	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream

### Prayer Requests:

Don Oram—Don suffered a heart attack while traveling in South Africa. He received treatment at a hospital in Johannesburg and is currently resting there until he is cleared to return to the US. Pray for Don and his wife Brenda.

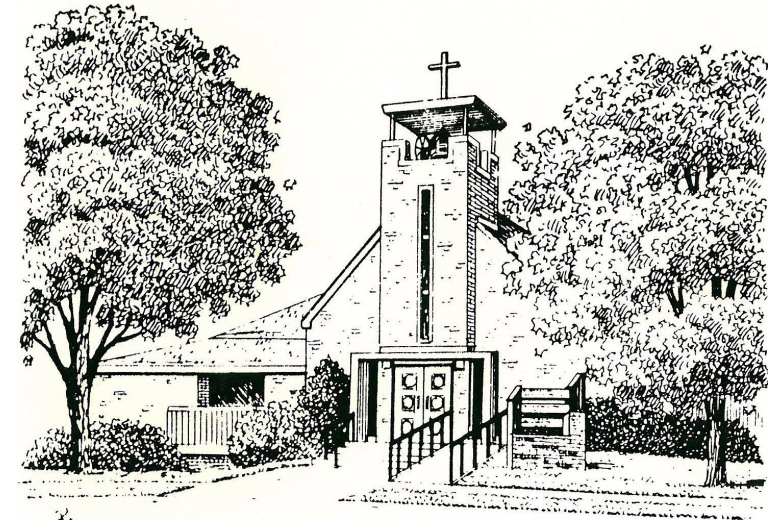
Gary's brother Peter—hospitalized with bacterial pneumonia. Peter was placed on Comfort Care and he will likely be moved from the hospital to a Hospice Home in the near future.

Liz—pray for her healing and strengthening.

Hannah Rose's grandma—has been dealing with a great deal of pain for the past two weeks.

"Please pray for a longtime friend as he ventures out alone on a trip."

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