

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 7-26-2020

- **Call to Worship** – Psalm 145: 1-2, 8-9, 21
- **Song of Praise – We Will Extol You, God and King¹**
 - Verse 1
We will extol you, God and King, and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise, forever and forever.
 - Refrain
One generation will call to the next: “Our God is good and his hand is strong!”
All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.
 - Verse 2
Great is the Lord! In all his ways he's greatly to be praised.
Were we to search for endless days, his greatness none could fathom.
 - Verse 4
Now may your name be sung in every tongue, in every place.
Singing the fame of your great love in every generation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Confession of Sin** – A Prayer of Confession (LUYH #640)
Merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- **Assurance of Pardon** – The Lord is Compassionate and Gracious (LUYH #671)
The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

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as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.
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.

- **Pastoral Prayer**

- **Sermon**

Sermon Text: Jonah 1-4

Sermon Title: "Jonah and the Unstoppable Compassion of God"

- **Song of Response – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy²**

Verse 1

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

Verse 2

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;
and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.
Make our love, O God, more faithful, let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – *We Receive Your Blessing*³**

We receive your blessing; we receive your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from your face.
May the peace that you give change the way that we live.
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.
(repeat all)
We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

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