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Order of Worship 11 September 2022 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

# We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

#### We Listen to the Word

Prayer

Sermon Series: Jonah and the Fail Sermon: "Part Two - Responding to Failure"

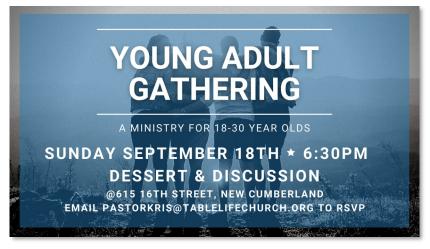
#### We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

# We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending







## **NOTES**

# Jonah and the Fail "Part Two - Responding to Failure" Pastor Kris Beckert

#### How do you respond to failure?

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

Jonah 1:17. And the Lord provided a great fish that swallowed Jonah, where he spent three days and three nights in the belly of a fish.

#### Responding to Failure:

#### I. Look up and \_

Jonah 2:1 From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. He said: 'In my distress, I called on the Lord and the Lord answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.

- "In my distress" = Hebrew tsarah =
- "realm of the dead" =

#### II. Look up and \_\_\_

Jonah 2:3-6 You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.<sup>4</sup> I said, 'I have been banished

from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' <sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. <sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit. <sup>7</sup> When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, O Lord, and my prayer rose to your holy temple. <sup>8</sup> Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

- "grace" = Hebrew hesed =
- Idols --

#### III. Look up and

Jonah 2:9-10 But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.'"<sup>10</sup> And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

N.T. Wright: "It's no part of Christian belief to say that the followers of Jesus have always got everything right. Jesus himself taught his followers a prayer which includes a clause for asking God for forgiveness. He must have thought we would go on needing it."

Big Idea:	

### Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. When have you failed? When have you felt like you were in the belly of a fish? When have you failed God?
- 2. In what ways do you think Jonah's deliverance by God changed him? How has God brought your life "up from the pit"? How did this change you and was the change permanent? Why do we often return to our old ways once the danger is past?
- 3. When you fail, what are you temped to trust in to get you out? What does it concretely look like for you to "trust in the Lord?"
- 4. How do you respond to failure: Work-related, relational, financial, or spiritual failure?
- 5. How have you experienced God as bigger than your failures?

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