

First United Methodist Church 610 E 4th Avenue Miller, SD 57362



Pastor Teresa Whetsel 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Collin Otteson, Organist January 24, 2021

God, thank you for your mercy to Jonah, Nineveh and me. May I learn from them to follow your will — the first time. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

*Praise Song: "O God Beyond All Praising"

*Call To Worship:

One: It is time to become focused, not on our wants or complaints but on God:

Many: In the silent places of my soul I turn to God, for God alone is our rock and salvation.

One: Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of God, saying the time has come, the realm of God is at hand.

Many: The realm of God is not very far from any one of us, for in God we live and, move and have our being.

One: Jesus said: repent and believe the good news.

Many: The time has come. In the silent places of my soul I turn to God, for God alone is our rock and salvation.

Opening Prayer:

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Offering

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer:

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that that you help grow the trust in us, that we might follow without looking back and that we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore, leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen.

Children's Time

Hymn: "The Summons"

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Message Follow Me

Joys/Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Jesus Calls Us"

*Benediction

In these days of "social distancing" we need to be intentional in our care for one another. Remember to pray for each other. Also phone calls and greeting cards can mean so much for those who are shut in.



Prayer List:

Ida Moser – LaVerta Palmer (Huron) / Virginia Burgher -Dorothy Fawcett - Violet Moncur - Don & Eleanor Steptoe (MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

Others: Merle Bertsch - Norma Carr - Steve Danburg
Rita & Aaron Ellsworth - Steve Ellsworth - Arlette Heitzman Terri Henson - Del & Doris Jury - Jim Keeter, Sr.
Gene & Ila Norton - Rick Norton - Lloyd Schwartz
Doug Testerman

PLEASE contact the church or the Pastor to add or remove names from prayer list or to request a call from Pastor Teresa.

At this time of increased Covid-19 cases in our community, please keep our community, our state, and our nation in your prayers. Let these prayers be for the safety and well-being of others. May we pray today, and always, that in all things, at all time, in all places, God's will, not ours be done.

We gather to worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Welcome to all, dear family of Christ.



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