

Prelude : Fantasia on Kingsfold by David Paxton

Introit : Let Us Serve Him - Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn**

UMH # 368 –My Hope Is Built

Announcements

Congregational Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Anthem - God’s Grace Is So Amazing - Chancel Choir

Draw Me Close

(Offering)

The Power of Your Love

UMH #95 Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

***Scripture**

Jonah 3

***Scripture Response &** UMH # 393-Spirit of the Living God

Message

Part III: Running For God

***Closing Hymn**

UMH # 467 –Trust and Obey

***Benediction**

Postlude : Grace, Grace, God’s Grace by Daniel Towner

***Congregation please stand as able**

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(Worship is recorded for T.V. viewing and other social media platforms)

Congregational Prayer

Heavenly Father, King Eternal, You have saved me from sin and death for the purpose of living a life that is Christlike. You found me when I was lost and Living apart from the fullness of life that You promise to those who love you. Thank You, O God, for putting people in my life who taught me about Your love, grace, and mercy. Thank You for convicting my heart through the Holy Spirit of the sin in my life. Thank You for the greatest act of sacrificial love of Your dear Son Jesus dying on the cross. Therefore, I must respond with love to a world who also needs to know You and follow You.

O God, You call us to not only follow You, but to also ask others to follow You.

Father, show me how to pray and speak in such a way that other people’s eyes are opened. As You did in Jonah’s ministry, send Your Holy Spirit to convict their hearts so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the grip of Satan to the freedom of God. Your Word commands us to go into the world so that the lost may receive the forgiveness of sin they need and claim an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in You.

O God, use me to reach my family, my neighbors, my city, and beyond so that You alone will receive the glory!

Lord God Almighty, touch my heart so that it longs for the salvation of every person in every nation on earth. May Your Spirit deepen my anguish over those lost in darkness so that I search them out, love them as You do, and cry out to You for help in bringing them to You. Give me the heart of my Savior, Jesus Christ.

May I be faithful to pray for all those You place on my heart. Give me a spiritual burden to seek them and tell them about You. Give me a purpose to pray for them on their behalf.

Father God, You are always right on time, even when I am anxious for answers or results. Make me patient after I have sown the seed. Help me to faithfully pray for, listen to, and speak to friends, family members, neighbors, coworkers, and others who have not yet declared You as Savior and Lord of their lives. You have put them in my pathway for a reason, Lord. You found me when I was lost; send me to find others who need You. Quell any pride or haughtiness in me that may judge them; let me see them as co-inheritors of Your Kingdom.

May Your kingdom come, Lord, to all who turn to You, even as we pray those very words in the prayer our Savior taught us:

Our Father. . .