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Let us praise our God! Alleluia, Amen!**   \* Hymn What Is This Place - GtG404   Prayer of Confession (Unison)    **Generous God, we come to you, seeking the refuge of your mercy. We have not been living and breathing examples of your love in the world. We have not bravely declared your wonders and acts in our community. We have been silent when we should have spoken and we have spoken when we should have listened. Forgive us, O God, by your generous grace, and renew us again to be the people you have called us in building your Kingdom in this world. Amen.**  Silent Prayers of Confession   Words of Assurance (responsive) Leader: Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. [Isa. 40:4-5] **People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**   The Peace Leader: The peace of Christ be with you! **People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you)   The Proclamation of the Word   Prayer of Illumination  Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.   Scripture Lesson Jonah 3:10-4:11 (New Revised Standard Version)  **10**When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. Jonah’s Anger **4**But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. **2**He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. **3**And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” **4**And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” **5**Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. **6**The Lord God appointed a bush,[[a](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1606ba25f61bd2fff7873030&id=bf62ab3ad6&e=ea8fc2a60a)] and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. **7**But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. **8**When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” Jonah Is Reproved **9**But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” **10**Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. **11**And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”   Time with Young People    Sermon I’m Moving to Canada (And Other Things I’ve Said When I’ve Had Enough)   The Response to the Word   \* Hymn How Great Thou Art – GtG625  Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer  “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.” Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**   Generous God, ...  And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray... ...   **Our Father,** **Who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name** **Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.** **On Earth as it is in Heaven** **And give us this day our daily bread** **And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,** **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.** **For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**   Offertory Prayer   Hymn Hymn of Promise – GtG250   Charge and Benediction Leader: Let us go from this place, **People: Free to grieve, to take refuge in you.** Leader: Let us go from this place, **People: Seeking our call in a broken world.** Leader: Let us go from this place, **People: Trusting that you shall guide us in the journey by the mighty power of your Spirit. Amen.** | | |