

# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH


**June 28, 2026**  
**5th Sunday after Pentecost**



# Jonah


AND THE GOD OF GRACE

“The life you clutch, hoard, guard, and play safe with is in the end a life worth little to anybody, including yourself: and only a life given away for love’s sake is a life worth living” ~ Frederick Buechner



**Sunday Worship**  
**10:00 am**

Office Hours  
Tuesday – Friday  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
541-926-5551



330 Fifth Avenue Southwest  
Albany, OR 97321

## We Gather in God's Name

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### Prelude

"Prelude"

by Jean Langlais

*You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.  
We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.*

### Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### + Invitation to Worship

From all corners of the globe, God creates beauty and life.  
**God gathers us in, the weak and the strong,  
the fearful and the brave, the young and the old.**  
God gathers us in to know the depths of God's love,  
**and calls us to love and to live and to follow.**

### + Gathering Hymn 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

## We Offer Our Gratitude

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### Community Prayer

God of tender mercies,  
we know we don't always live as we ought.  
We turn away from you,  
from our neighbor,  
and from our true selves.  
We know we dim your light within us,  
with our pride,  
our self-righteousness,  
and our need for control.  
We also know that you love us,  
that you do not abandon us or give up on us,  
and that again and again you call us back to you,  
back to love,  
back to grace,  
back to your light.  
Help us to open our hearts,  
wide in love and grace,  
and so be living examples of your good news.  
**Amen.**

Rich Isted

*Silent prayer and reflection*

### Sung Response 659

"Know That God Is Good"

### + Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.*

## We Listen & Receive

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### Time with Children

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward.  
Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.*

### Scripture Reading

Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1—4:11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Clumsily Moving Along at a Comfortable Distance"

Brandon Lewis

## We Respond to God's Grace

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### Hymn 649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

### Invitation to Give

*We are grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share.*

*We offer each person an opportunity to connect with giving by placing at least one \$1 in the offering plate.*

*As we give faithfully, each faithful \$1 will bless the ministry of UPC.*

### Offertory

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

*by Chester Allen*

### Presentation of Gifts

### & Hymn 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

### Sharing Joys & Concerns

*At the conclusion of spoken joys and concerns, let us pray together:*

*God, in your grace,*

***Hear our prayer.***

### Prayers of the People

### & The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## We Are Sent in God's Love

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### + Closing Song 69

"Here I Am, Lord"

### + Benediction

### Postlude

"America, The Beautiful"

*by Earl Larson*

## Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

## Announcements

**June's Shopping Cart Mission:** Our mission again this month is a snack drive for the **Candlelighters for Children with Cancer** to benefit the children who are actively in treatment. Please donate snacks, such as; Nabisco cookies, applesauce pouches, beef jerky, cheez-its, popcorn, fruit snacks, chocolate milk and nuts. **Thank you!**

## Upcoming Events

<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	<b>June 28</b> Worship Dianna Vezmar-Bailey Group
<b>Monday</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>June 29</b> ACT Practice
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>June 30</b> ACT Practice
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>July 1</b> ACT Practice Family Aging Support Group
<b>Thursday</b> 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b>July 2</b> YOGA Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>July 3</b> Wedding

## Serving Today

**Thank you to all who served in worship today.**

**Liturgist** —Rich Isted

**Ushers** — Annie Kumpula, Mike & Maureen Wellman

**Coffee Hour**—Gathering Committee

**Children's Programs**—Logan Breese, Denise Alejandre, and Aleena Chappell.

## Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

### Children's Nursery (Age 0 – 4 yrs)

This is open for infants to 4 years old. In this age, we help guide these curious minds in play and encourage exploration in their environment.

### Godly Play (Age 5 – 9 yrs)

Godly play is for children 5 - 9 years old. This is where the children learn about God through stories and explore their own thoughts by having free choice of activities that include a variety of crafts, art, song, and games.

### Creative Minds (10 yrs +)

This program is for the youth 10 years old and up. Creative minds uses a combination of technology, art media, games, and service projects to explore our relationship with God, and to encourage one another to grow in our faith, spirituality, and community.

## Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

**Linn Benton Food Share**—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **Thursday, July 16th at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

**Ushers Needed:** Would you be willing to usher for one Sunday each month? It's a great way to get to know people. Sign up on the sign up sheet on the information table.

## Prayers & Praise

**Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:**

*Greg Anable*

*Nancy Goode*

*Nancy and Steve Hammond and Family*

### CHURCH STAFF

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