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Focus for Next Service

April 19th, 2026

Retained Sins

Third Sunday of Easter

Colossians 3:12-17 John 20:19-31

Public WIFI Log-in

PFUMC-Guest Password: ConnectMe!

Let us know you are worshipping with us,
whether you are in the Sanctuary or on YouTube.
Please fill out a connect card in your bulletin
or use the comment section on YouTube
to make your prayer request known to the pastor.

He will include your thanks to God

and your prayer concerns in our pastoral prayer.

If you would like to add your prayers to the weekly prayer chain,
contact Karen Lynch at 717-571-5903 or karen_lynch@me.com.

9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are both in person and live-streamed on our website and YouTube.

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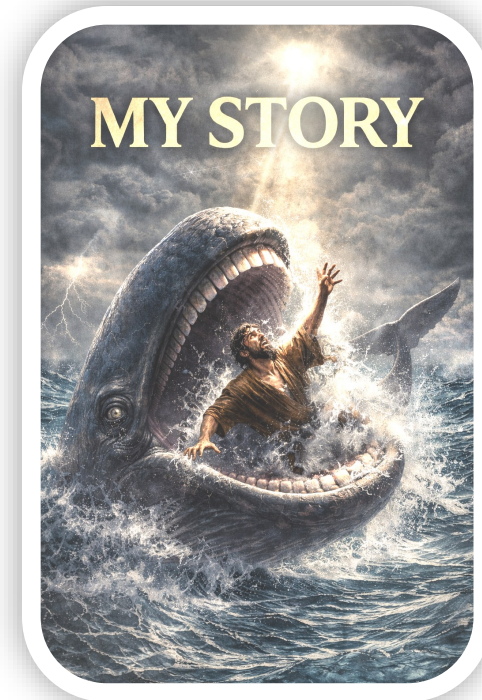


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April 12th, 2026

My Story-By Jonah

Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM Service

Serving Christ, Changing Lives!

*Congregation standing, as able

My Story-By Jonah

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: The word of God came to Jonah,
calling him to go to Nineveh!

People: But Jonah ran away, refusing to show mercy.

Leader: Yet, God's grace is greater than our disobedience,
and God's love is wider than our mercy.

People: Though we may run, God calls us back to life.

Leader: Let us worship the God
who loves our neighbors and our enemies.

All: We will praise the God of salvation! Amen.

*Opening Hymn #303 "A Day of Resurrection"

Opening Prayer

**Heavenly Father,
thank you for still speaking to us today.
Thank you for not condemning us
and always giving us a second chance.
Help us to remember we are called to love
as we are loved by you
with no conditions attached.
Help us to discern your voice
and be obedient to your call.
Give us the courage and wisdom
to do what you ask.
We pray these things in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer "using the word sins instead of trespasses"

The Bell Choir Rebecca Einwechter
Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading	Bonnie Parks	Psalm 103:10-12
Second Reading	Bonnie Parks	Psalm 139:7-12
Gospel Reading	Bonnie Parks	Matthew 12:40
Sermon	Mike Poltonavage	"My Story-By Jonah"

*Hymn of Response #357 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

**I confess to you that so many times in my life
I have looked so very pious and religious,
yet, my heart has been so very far away from you.**

**Like Jonah, I have criticized others and failed
to see the humanity in them,
even though they are also your beloved children.**

**Forgive me of the very deep pride
that resides in my heart.**

**Help me to demonstrate my deep regret
with true humility,
and deliver me from the evil inside me.**

**Finally, Lord, by your Spirit's power,
bless me with a love to share your word.**

**In the name of Jesus, who humbled himself
and died for me. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confessions Words of Pardon and Assurance

Offering

*Offertory Response #95 "Praise God For Whom...."

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

*Closing Hymn #422 "Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love"

*Benediction

*Choral Response #177 "He Is Lord"

Postlude