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9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

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

Public WIFI Log-in

PFUMC-Guest Password: ConnectMe!

Let us know you are worshiping with us,
whether you are in the Sanctuary or 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.

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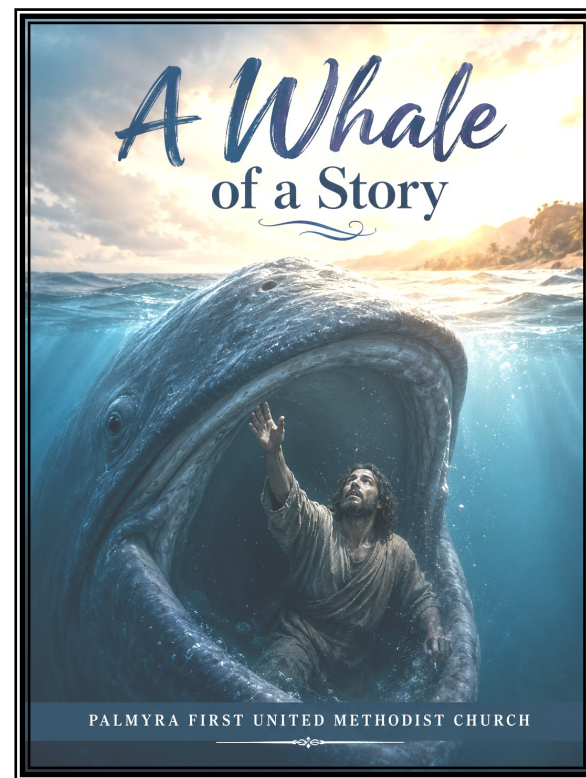
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August 16th, 2026

"A Whale of a Story"

9:00 AM Service

Serving Christ, Changing Lives!

*Congregation standing as able

A Whale of a Story

The books of Jonah and Ruth are two of the more significant books of the Hebrew scriptures because they challenged the long-held belief of the Jewish people then and many of us today that God loves and belongs only to us. This theological belief is known as religious exclusiveness. Today, we look at Jonah and the radial message that it proclaims.

Welcome and Announcements

*Music

“God of Wonders”

“Praise You In This Storm”

Prayer For Illumination

Psalter Reading #787 Psalm 62:5-12

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Jonah 1:1-10; 3:1-5, 10

Sermon Rev. Greg Myers “A Whale of a Story”

Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayers of Confession Words of Pardon and Assurance

The Lord’s Prayer “using the word *sins* instead of *trespasses*”

Offering and Music “East to West”

Music “Who Am I”

Pastoral Prayer

*Song of Sending “I Will Follow”

*Blessing

Focus for Next Service

August 23rd, 2026

“Who Do You Say Jesus Is?”

Isaiah 9:2-7 Matthew 16:1-20

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One,

God of all Creation,

you call us to be your people,

to carry your vision in this time and place,

to go where you send us

to help welcome your amazing, good news

that your realm is near.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit,

O God of all Creation.

Fill us with your glorious Spirit,

so that we can share your good news.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Fountain of Forgiveness

The tale of Jonah reminds us

of your never-ending love for all creation.

May we, like the people of Ninevah,

be able to acknowledge our sin

and open our eyes to your healing presence.

Though you stand ready to forgive our sins,

we find it easier to bite our tongues,

clench our fists,

and cling to our hurts and resentments

rather than let you open our hearts.

We trust you, Holy One;

we pour out our hearts to you.

Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity

as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves

and from the world-

those words and needs

that keep us separated from your love.