

First Mennonite Church of Richmond

WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

Worship Leader David Bartow
Music Leader Lyubov Slashcheva
Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome
Call to Worship
Hymn "Come to me, come to us" SS 60
Hymn "There's a wideness in God's mercy" HWB 145
Reading: "Hot Chocolate"
Silent Reflection
Prayer

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn "You walk along our shoreline" SJ 99
Children's Time: "The Legend of the Queen"
Scripture Jonah 3:10-4:4
Sermon "For Pity's Sake" Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim
Silent Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn "Take, O take me as I am" SJ 81
Recognition of Outgoing & New Leaders
Sharing of Joys & Concerns Ryan Ahlgrim
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
*This is my daily bread. Take it. Bless it. Break it.
Give it to all I meet this day.*

Offertory Laurie Ahlgrim & Lyubov Slashcheva

SENDING

Sending Song "I know not why God's wondrous" HWB 338
Benediction

Jonah 3:10-4:11

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

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] 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?"