Westminster Presbyterian Church

JANUARY 24, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Gathering Words **Rachel and Eric Weiss**

God, you are the practice of radical imagination.
You are the freedom to dream of abundance and flourishing.
God, you are the practice of adaptability and change.
You are the power to break patterns that destroy life and relationships.
God, you are the practice of justice that transforms.
You are the work that mends, that heals, that builds anew.
We remember and rejoice. This is the God who dwells with us.
Among us and within us, God is here.

Opening Prayer **Rachel and Eric Weiss**

Holy Wonder,
come and rouse our longings with your wild and free Spirit.
Stir our imaginations.
Liberate our thinking.

We repent of all the ways we turn from you.
You call, but we do not listen.
You show us your path, but we prefer our own way.

Where we have grown more attached to the familiar than to your hopes for us,
help us to release control.
Grant us a changed perspective.
May we be willing to take the risks necessary
to bring about the world we desire.
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 663 Awake, My Soul, and the Sun MORNING HYMN

Prayer of Illumination **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10 **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

3The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, **2**"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." **3**So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. **4**Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" **5**And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

10When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said God would bring upon them; and God did not do it.

Sermon Changed Perspective **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. 434 Restore in Us, O God BAYLOR

Prayer of the People **Rachel and Eric Weiss**

…We pray in the name of the One who is to come, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn Have You Heard God's Voice JACQUELINE G. JONES, arr. RICHARD CLEMMITT

Benediction **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Note: The words of liturgy were adapted from *Liturgy that Matters*.