First CRC Worship at Home

August 16, 2020 – Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Sermon Series: The Big Fish and the Big, Bad City

Prelude: *Beautiful Savior (arr. D. Cherwien)* *-Cheryl V.*

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5, 8, 22
Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the Lord, my soul.

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: God Himself is With Us

Call to Confession: Micah 6:6,8

Prayer of Confession:
Merciful God,
in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and turn them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance: 1 Timothy 1:14-16

Song of Preparation: For God So Loved the World He Made

Scripture Reading: Jonah 4
Sermon: *Should I Not Love This Great City?*
Prayer of God's People

Closing Praise: We Are Called
God's Blessing

Doxology: To God Be the Glory - Cheryl V.