



**WHITNEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Boise, Idaho**

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

* invites you to stand as you are able

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Music

Juli Draney

Gathering Song & Candle Lighting

“10,000 Reasons”

Six Ways to Sunday

Welcome

Pastor Daryl

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship

Stewart Gardner, liturgist

One: The word of God came to Jonah

Many: The word of God comes to us:

One: Go

Many: Despite your fears

One: Speak

Many: the truth of God

One: Love

Many: your neighbor and your enemy

One: Forgive

Many: as you have been forgiven

One: Receive

**Many: grace upon grace, overflowing from the
fullness of God.**

*Opening Hymn

“God of Love and God of Power”

UMH #578

Opening Prayer (unison)

**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. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation. Fill us with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading – Jonah 1

Anthem

Scripture Reading – Jonah 3

Sermon

“A Whale of a Tale”
Rev. Daryl Blanksma

*Song

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
UMH #121

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People / Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Invitation to Offering/Offerory

*Doxology/Offering Prayer

UMH #94

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Closing Song

“I Love to Tell the Story”
UMH #156

*Benediction

Postlude

Juli Draney

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 21

MINISTRY CONFERENCE - Sunday, January 28

Our district superintendent, Karen Hernandez, is holding an annual Ministry Conference with each church in the Sage district. The time together will last 90 minutes and feature a short video and a conversation about

- M - Ministry that Matters
- I - Itinerancy and Location
- L - Lay Ministry Enhancement
- E - Eliminating Racism

We have been hearing about the M.I.L.E. for several months and you can find out more about it here <https://greaternw.org/mile/>

All interested folks are invited to this meeting following worship on January 28. Church Council members are expected to attend.

SOUP LUNCH

Join us following Worship on January 28 for our monthly soup luncheon. If you can bring a pot of soup, contact Peggy Jackson or the church office.

BOOK STUDY

Part of the bishop's M.I.L.E. is to work on eradicating racism. For those of us in the predominant culture (white) it is difficult to even recognize the racism that others face every day and which is all around us. You are invited to join a book study looking at the book "Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debbie Irving. You can find the book on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Apple Books or at your local bookstore (any maybe a local library). On Saturday, February 17, the author, Debbie Irving, will be at Hillview United Methodist Church for a Community Conversation (see flyer below). Stay tuned for more information on a gathering at Whitney to discuss the book.

Whitney UMC is a **SCHOOL OF LOVE** where we learn to love God, one another, ourselves, and creation as Jesus teaches.

ALL Are Welcome Here!

We, the Whitney United Methodist Church, declare that all persons are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition, marital status, and mental or physical ability.

Upcoming Events

- January 28 – Soup Luncheon; 11 am
- January 28 – Ministry Conference; 11:30 am
- February 7 - United Women in Faith; noon
- February 14 - Ash Wednesday
- February 17 - Community Conversation at Hillview UMC; 1-4 pm

A link to our full Calendar of Events can be viewed on our webpage at www.whitneyumc.org.

Assisting in Worship Today:

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| Liturgist: Stewart Gardner | Pianist: Juli Draney |
| Sound: Bert Allen | Band Director: Kevin Daniel |
| Online Feed: Rich Keefe | Choir Director: Isaac Flake |
| Head Usher: Bill Slupe | Nursery: Lorrie Baer |
| Pastor: Rev. Daryl Blanksma | Visuals: Bobbie Bynum |



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