

OCTOBER 18, 2015

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Rosi Penner Kaufman, Accompanist

WELCOME

Carmen Shelly, Worship Leader

*INVOCATION

L: Divine Love, help us to wake up to ourselves, and to your Presence.

C: Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be more fully human.

L: Help us not to chase after an imaginary life,
and instead, to find satisfaction in our real lives.

C: Turn us away from our self-rejection so that we might see Your arms open in welcome. Amen.

*HYMN #59

Sing praise to God who reigns

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tara Lindahl

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. *(continued on next page)*

Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

ANTHEM

Come, ye sinners and elder son

arr. Shaw/Parker

(See back of bulletin for text)

SERMON

Lost at home

HYMN #23

Slowly turning, ever turning

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Steven Cress, Tara Lindahl, Anali and David Kratz Mathies, Sharon Franz Parker,
David Morford, Becca Claassen

***Congregational response: We freely receive you, even as Christ has received us. We open ourselves to fellowship with you in worship, study, service, and discipline. We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel, to offer and accept forgiveness in the redeemed community. We joyfully accept you as partners, both in the care of our spiritual family, and in our mission to the world.**

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

INTRODUCTIONS

We are glad you are here. Once the friendship register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING JOY

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

Offertory: *Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #420

Heart with loving heart united



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

*SENDING FORTH

L: In the midst of conflict,

C: **may God's Peace comfort us.**

L: In the midst of pain,

C: **may Divine Love strengthen us.**

L: In the midst of uncertainty and fear,

C: **may wisdom and compassion guide our steps. Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal.

Anthem text:

I will Arise/Come, Ye Sinners and Elder Son, traditional, arr. Shaw/Parker
with additional stanzas by Glenn Lehman, arr. RPK

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms,
In the arms of my dear Saviour, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye sinners poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save us, full of pity, love, and power.

Since a child, on the farm with father, doing chores working day and night;
Hoping that my fine perfection was enough to make it right.

Then when my brother had all squandered, half of the lands my father farms;
Youth returns with grand repentance, father welcomed him with open arms.

Father tell me why this party? Why these gifts for your wayward boy?
After all the shame and sorrow, show him consequences hard.

After all, for me, your elder, always faithful, always true;
Never once a gift or thank you, what's obedience mean to you?

Son, said he, you're always with me, never did my love depart;
If you cannot love your brother, how can you be in my heart?

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms,
In the arms of my dear Saviour, oh, there are ten thousand charms.

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