

PRELUDE

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come/ arr. M. White

Give Thanks/ arr. B. Wolaver

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WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 68:32-35 (NIV)

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, to him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with mighty voice.

People: **Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the skies.**

Leader: You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary;

People: **The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 65

Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Romans 7:18-25a; 8:1-2 (NIV)

Leader: I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.

People: **For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.**

Leader: For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do — this I keep on doing.

People: **Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.**

Leader: So I find this law at work:

When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

People: **For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.**

Leader: What a wretched man I am!

Who will rescue me from this body of death?

People: **Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Ps. 51:10-12(NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son;

make me like one of your hired men.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. '

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹ " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "

SERMON

Lost and Found

series: Jesus and the Parables

Rev. Dwight McKay

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **486** (vss. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

God, Be Merciful to Me

WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance (Hymn 693)