

Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Reflection Questions

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise and Prayer

Raise a Hallelujah

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Prayer of Confession

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God)

We confess, O God, that we are ever wandering away from the path chosen by the Good Shepherd. We have turned, each one, to our own way. Forgive us, O Lord, for our wandering wills and roving eyes that search for greener pastures of our own choosing. Forgive us, Lord, for doubting that your way leads to an abundant life in You. Direct us back to the grace you offer us in Jesus Christ. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

King of Kings

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Passing the Peace

Announcements

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Minute for Ministry

Stewardship Campaign

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jesus and the Younger Brother

The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Reckless Love

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Blessing

The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built

Jesus and the Younger Brother

Luke 15:11-24

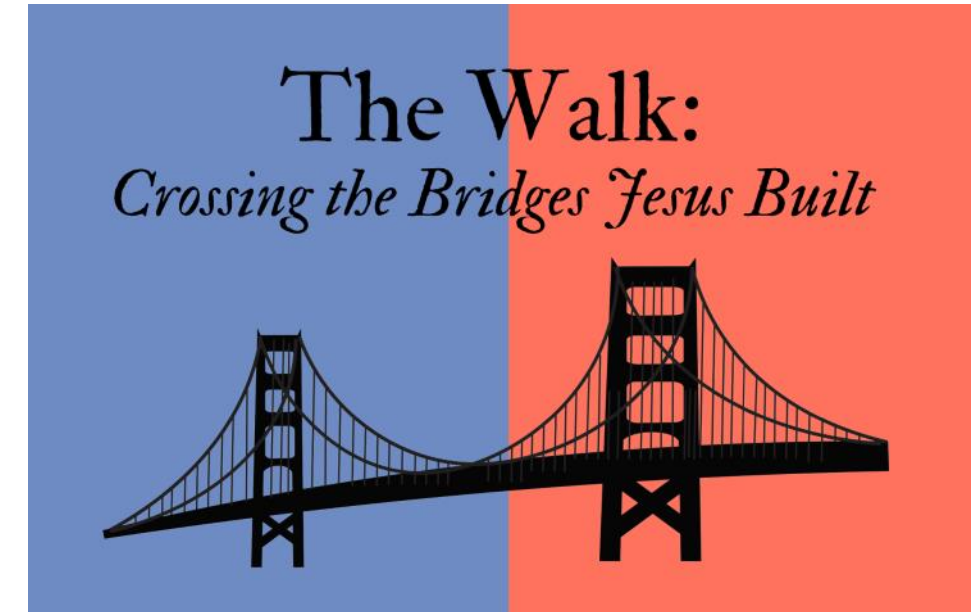
1. What is the context for Jesus telling the story of the Prodigal Son? (v.10)
2. Read Luke 15:11-24. Why did the younger son want his portion of his father's estate? When did a person usually get their inheritance? What are the implications of the father reducing his estate by one-third? What does all of this say about the son's relationship with his father? (vs.11-12)
3. In verse 16, it says that the son yearned to eat what the pigs had for food. How did he get into this situation? What does this have to do with the meaning of the word "prodigal?" (vs.13-16)
4. What was the son's plan to improve his dire situation? (vs. 17-20a) Do you think the son had concerns about returning to the father? If so, what might they have been?
5. When the son returned, in what ways was the father's response unexpected? (vs. 21-23)
6. Why did the father want to celebrate? (v. 24) What does this say about the father's heart?
7. Timothy Keller coined the phrase "Prodigal God." In what ways is our heavenly Father "prodigal" toward us?
8. How does this image of God the Father, compare with your personal view of him? Do you always approach the Father with the sense that he'll respond to you like he did the younger son in the story? Why or why not?
9. Pray for the Holy Spirit to expand your personal view of God and deepen your relationship with the Father. Pray for those who have not yet returned home.

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October 23, 2022

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Minute for Ministry Stewardship Campaign

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the Day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Introit

Call to Worship
(Dale Grotenhuis)

Opening Hymn This is My Father's World #21

Responsive Reading Based on Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits:**

Who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

**But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children.**

Bless the Lord, all his works,
In all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

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Response Glory Be to the Father #961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Anthem

Father, Forgive Us
(Composer: Craig Courtney)

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-24

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Jesus and the Younger Brother

The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built

Music for Reflection Bless the Lord

(Taizé)

Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling #615

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants

Sermon & Announcements
Worship Leader
Liturgist
Scripture Readers

Prayers of the People

Pianist
Anthem

Spencer Lundgaard
Greg Buell (9:30)
Ed Burton (11:00)
Cathy Burnham (9:30)
Elaine Holmquist (11:00)
Roger Smith (9:30)
Ed Burton (11:00)
Jim Peterson (11:00)
Village Church Choir (11:00)

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