

Worship Outline

September 15, 2019

Gathering

Prelude

Meditation

Martin

Introit

Enjoy Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place

Wolfe

+Call to Worship (responsive)

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us

and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;

let us worship God together.

+Invocation

Let us pray...

Thank you, O Holy One

for this opportunity to meet you

in this place of worship.

We come to this new day after a long week,

carrying all kinds of feelings, emotions and expectations.

But here, in your presence

let your Holy Spirit move us

to a place of rejoicing in which new hopes abound.

We will celebrate the gift of your caring Spirit. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Creator of the universe,
we imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour,
that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness.
In judgment, illumine our darkness.
In mercy, bear us home—
until we recognize your presence wherever
evil is confronted,
truth is spoken,
and life is restored.**

Silence is kept.

Assurance

Hear the sound of love poured out:
[Water is poured into the font.]

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.
God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,
Gathering us in to the people of God.
Let us rejoice in God's mercy! Amen.

Welcome and the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Gathering Song 399

***God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.***

Let's sing it three times.

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Anthem

A New Song

Tina English
Chancel Choir
Martha Keeley, flute

Scripture

Luke 15: 1-10

In preparation for the reading and hearing of God's word, let us pray.

Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit
show us the truth that you desire
and teach us wisdom in our hearts.

Let us hear with joy and gladness
the Word that you speak today;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A reading from the gospel of Luke. Let us listen for God's word given to us this day.

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: 4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 “Or what woman having ten silver coins,[a] if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

+Hymn 173

A Woman and a Coin

Choir will sing the first verse. Congregation joins in on the second.

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Choral Prayer Response

Through It All

Crouch

Stewardship Interpretation

Offering

Invitation

Like Paul, who was showered with an abundance of mercy from God,
we too have been blessed.

Like Paul, we are called to go forth and tell our story of Christ in our lives
so that others may also be inspired.

One of the ways in which we tell the story is through the giving of gifts to God.

In our gift-giving we participate with God in providing for the needs of God’s people.

Let us gather our gifts and offer them to God.

+Doxology 606

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

+Dedication

May our gifts become symbols of our intention
to minister with God to
satisfy the needs of those whom God loves.

Sending

+Hymn (insert)

God's Great Love Is So Amazing

Caroyn Winfrey Gillette

CONVERSE 8.7.8.7 D ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus")

*God's great love is so amazing!
See — a shepherd with his flocks!
Ninety-nine are safely grazing;
one is lost among the rocks.
That good shepherd goes and searches
till he finds the one astray.
So God says to fill our churches
with the ones who've lost their way.*

*God in love is always seeking!
See — a woman with her broom!
For a single coin she's sweeping
every corner of the room.
When it's found she calls each neighbor,
telling friends from all around.
So God says to search and labor
till God's precious ones are found.*

God keeps waiting, searching, yearning!

*See — a father's heartfelt joy!
Thankful for his son's returning,
he runs out to greet his boy.
To the angry older brother,
hear the father's patient call.*

*So God says to love each other,
for in Christ, God loves us all.*

+Benediction and Blessing

Sisters and brothers, we have a choice.
We can stand on the margins of the feast,
grumbling about the other guests,
or we can join in the dance of seeking and
saving, feeding and being fed.

May the Creator's holiness burn away our
complacency,
may the Living Word expose our foolishness,
may the Spirit of mercy turn us home,
that God's grace might spill from our lives, giving
hope to a perishing world.

+Congregational Benediction 648

***Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what
God has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord
Rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people
Forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.***

Postlude

Enthroned In Majesty
Wilson