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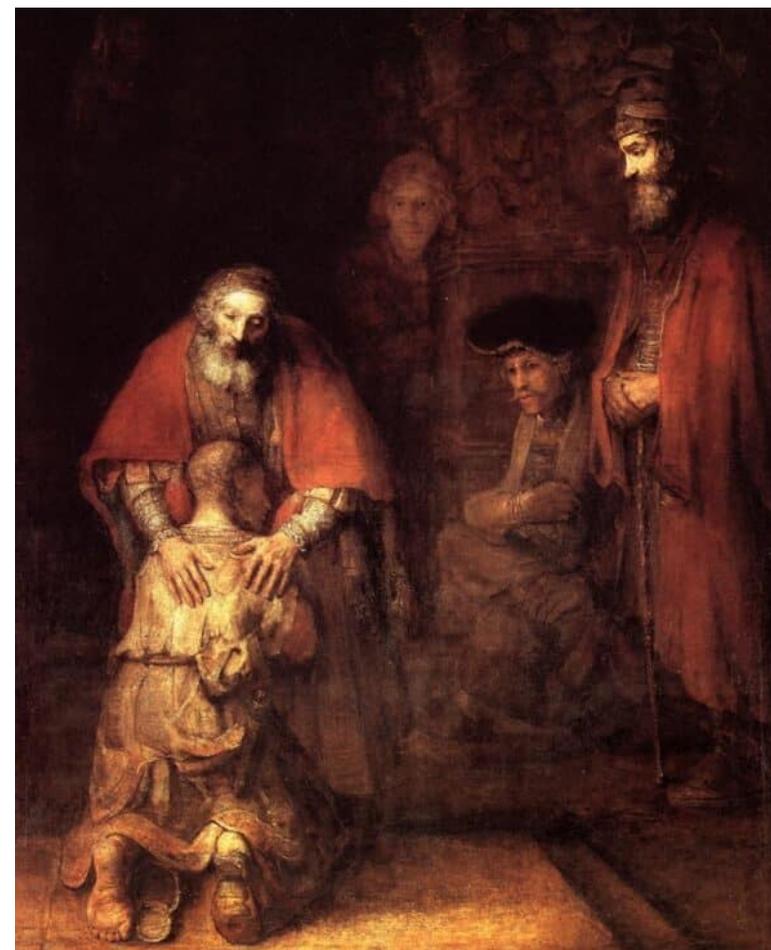
Worship: 10:00 am

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# JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

**For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.**

God makes us new in God's Spirit!

**Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.**

Come, let us worship and be thankful.

**Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. Amen.**

#### SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

#### \*PRAY: (After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)

Lord, it is interesting that it is easy for us to identify with today's scripture about the "Prodigal Son." Some of us are easily reminded of our own selfishness and stubbornness when we willfully sought our own way. Others are reminded about how angry we were when others were not held accountable for their actions, when we have been so careful not to displease anyone. Still others can identify with the father who, feeling the loss of his son, welcomes him home again, reminding the brother that he has always been in the love and care of the Father. We hear this story and it's a pleasant memory. But do we really understand what it is about? Do we know that we have also been stubborn and selfish, angry and unforgiving, sorrowful and caught between two conflicting factions? We are no different from these characters, in our own unique way. Yet, in God's infinite love, we also are forgiven and healed. We are called to turn our lives back to God's care, which is always extended to us. Forgive us and heal us, gracious God. Open our hearts and our spirits to truly receive the blessings of your healing love. For it is in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we ask you to hear the prayer that your Son taught us to pray, **Our Father...**"

#### SING A HYMN: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" ..... (UMH #348) (CCLI 20203297)

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

#### Refrain:

Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

4 O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

#### READ SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

#### SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

**READ OR LISTEN:** The Parable of the Lost Son and His Brother ..... Pastor Nan

**RECITE THE APOSTLES' CREED:** ..... (UMH #881) Pastor Nan

#### \*\*OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (UMH #95)

Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. Like the prodigal, we long to feel your embrace and live in the light of your grace. As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

#### \*BENEDICTION: (Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)

Forgiven and Beloved Ones of God, go now in peace, sharing with others the Good News of God's love. Help those in need. Give and receive from each other the joy of peace.

**Amen.**

#### REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Imagine yourself in the place of each of the characters in today's parable. Which one do you think you are most like? Why? Which are you least like? Why?

#### OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

Offer love, welcome, and forgiveness to someone with whom you've had a break-up.

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Cold Weather Shelter. Valerie Davis, Delmarva Community Services, 2450 Cambridge Beltway, Cambridge, MD 21613

Everstand (United Methodist Board of Child Care) 27993 Substation Road, Denton, MD 21629

MidShore Meals til Monday PO Box 1193 Cambridge, MD 21613

Overflow Café Ministries, 400 Muir Street, Cambridge, MD 21613

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\*<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3623/worship-connection-march-30-2025>

\*\*<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/steadfast-love-a-lenten-playlist/fourth-sunday-in-lent-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/fourth-sunday-in-lent-year-c-offertory-prayer>