



*Now all the tax collectors
and sinners were coming
near to listen to him.*

Luke 15:1

September 11, 2016

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebration of Worship

* If you are able, please stand.

Prelude

The Peace May Be Exchanged (*Rubrics*)

Kevin Graf, organ

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

* **Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Rev. Sarah Green

Leader: We have drawn near again to listen, Holy One.

People: Speak to us the truth you would have us know.

Leader: We've tuned our ears to hear your Word.

People: Fill us with the Good News of your salvation.

* **Hymn 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

Confession and Pardon

The Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Sovereign God, we confess that we are too quick to count ourselves among the righteous and so become deaf to your Good News. You gather the tax collectors and the sinners, and we dare to judge the company you keep. You seek us out and call to us, but we pretend not to hear your voice. You offer us salvation, but we prefer to believe we have no sin from which to be saved. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent and return to you, so that we may join in your joyful celebration of redemption and restoration; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 782, v.1

Hear My Prayer, O God

Hymn Chant

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

Leader: God's mercy is abundant, and God's love is steadfast. Our Lord promises to blot out our transgressions and to cleanse us from sin.

People: **We trust in God to create in us a clean heart and to put a new and right spirit within us. Therefore, let our lips be opened in song and let our mouths declare God's praise.**

*** Response: Hymn 586**

Alleluia

Alleluia 7

*** Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Eternal Wisdom, from generation to generation you teach your people the way to live. Through words that are ancient you speak your living Word. Speak to us now with all that we need to honor you and walk in your way with honesty and humbleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

(New Testament, page 196)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Search Me, O God

Jonny Priano (b. 1985)

The Chancel Choir

*Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts, try me and know my mind.
And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Second Scripture Reading:

Luke 15:1-10

(New Testament, page 73)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Draw Near to Listen”

Rev. Green

* Hymn 183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Austin

A Moment for Mission: In-Reach

Bob Harris

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Donations can be made online through our website. Cards will be collected with the offering.)

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

The Chancel Choir

Al Gonzales, Great Highland Pipes

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see. The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures;*

*He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil, a life of joy and peace.*

When we've been here ten thousand years bright shining as the sun.

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

* Doxology (Hymn 606)

Old Hundredth

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

* Hymn 340

This Is My Song

Finlandia

* Benediction

Postlude

Highland Cathedral

Traditional

Al Gonzales, Great Highland Pipes

Participating in the service today are the Reverends Sarah Green and Dr. David Smazik; Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education; Matthew Webb, Director of Music; Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar; and the Chancel Choir.
The acolytes are Isabella Galinkin and Grace Godfrey.

GREETING YOU this morning are Susan and Kevin Hubbard,
and Pam and Jim Wood.

USHERS: Ray Stark, head usher, France and Brian Delle Donne, Frank Gaden,
Marilynn Hummer, Dave and Shirley Mutchler, and Nora Stark.

Our FELLOWSHIP HOUR host today is Carol Knauff

The FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given in memory of
David Jones by his wife, Lois Jones.

Thank you to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK: For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.

Sunday, Sept 11

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
(Dr. Chris Taylor, presenter)
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School Begins
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, Sept 12

Nursery School opens

- 7:00 p.m. Monday Session Committee
Buildings and Grounds starts at 6 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Concert: *Mozart Requiem*, in
remembrance of September 11

Tuesday, Sept 13

- 8:00 a.m. Small Group (D. Lisco)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Erdman Room, Parish House)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, Sept 14

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Worship (Chapel)
- 4:15 p.m. Midweek
- 4:30 p.m. Bel Melodia (Multi-Purpose Room)
- 5:05 p.m. Bel Canto (Multi-Purpose Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Midweek Family Dinner (Sheffield Hall)
- 6:05 p.m. Tower Choir (Multi-Purpose Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group – N. Verhoef
(Meditation Space – former library)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, Sept 15

- 9:00 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday, Sept 16 Office closes at noon

- 9:00 a.m. AAA
- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers (Bulletins)
- 6:30 p.m. Mini Golf (Middle School Youth)

Saturday, Sept 17

- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service: John Rossman
(sanctuary)

Sunday, Sept 18

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
NS Mum sale
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Meeting for parents

WELCOME

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
 - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., in the Choir Room**
- **Wednesday Worship Service at Noon in the Chapel**



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