



Sunday, June 2, 2024

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

“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. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ 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. The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 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. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

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

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 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. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 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.’”

Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Dotty Leaman, Judy Berg, Emily & Nic Krebs, Donna Kiser

Ushers: Randy Heller, Henry & Wendy Hershey, Nancy Holtzapple, John Herr

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:
Joy Walker, in memory of Rev. T. Dennis Walker

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.

At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

Personnel Announcement

*Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: We come to worship as we are,

People: Because it is God who invites us to come,

Leader: And God will never turn us away.

People: Praise God for open arms of mercy and grace!

*Hymn #298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the wrong we have done, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us from our sin, wash us in your mercy, and mark us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon (1 Corinthians 15:54)

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: Because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death have been swallowed up.

God's victory over every destructive power is assured. This is the promise upon which we stand. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

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.

*At this time, children through 4th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex.
Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.*

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11--32

Message **"Welcome Over Judgment"** Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation To The Lord's Table Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer Will Massey

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.

Words of Institution Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Anthem "There Is A Balm In Gilead" by William Danson

Distribution of Elements

It is our custom at Highland to eat the bread, representing your individual relationship with God.

However, please hold the cup until all are able to partake together, representing our relationship as the body of Christ.

Prayer After Communion Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #525 "Here I Am, Lord"

* Charge and Benediction Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Postlude

***PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

***MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST***

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.

Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.