

Bulletin information
for
May 3, 2020
Communion Sunday
Sermon Series on “The Parables of Jesus”

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Wauconda, Illinois
A community church affiliated with the
United Methodist Church and the American Baptist Churches.



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Prelude/ Lighting of the Altar Candles

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People: For once we were lost and felt so far away;

Leader: now we have been found and welcomed home.

People: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

Leader: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

People: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

AMEN!

Opening Hymn "This is a Day of New Beginnings" No 383

Children's Message Louise Bundy/Crystal

Prayer Hymn "There's Something About That Name" No. 171

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Let Us Give Our Offering to the Lord – music

Offering Song "Praise God" No. 95

Offering Prayer

***Gospel Reading:** Luke 15:11-31 (Key Passage Luke 15:20-24)

Luke 15:11-31 Common English Bible (CEB)

11 Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. 12 The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. 13 Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

14 "When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. 15 He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. 17 When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food,

but I'm starving to death! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands." ' 20 So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him.

21 Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! 23 Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting 24 because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

25 "Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. 27 The servant replied, 'Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.' 28 Then the older son was furious and didn't want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. 29 He answered his father, 'Look, I've served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you've never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.' 31 Then his father said, 'Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" Pastor Soon Sun
"Loving God for All Children"

Holy Communion (*Everyone is welcome to receive communion*)

Today's communion will be received **at home**. For communion, please prepare a small cup of grape juice and a piece of bread in front of you as we join in the Holy Communion. Communion is open to all who confess their sins and seek Jesus Christ as their Lord.

**The Great Thanksgiving
THE LORD'S PRAYER
BREAKING THE BREAD
GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Closing Hymn "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" No. 2140

***Benediction**

*** Postlude**