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Two Lost Sons



Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, 1606-1669. The Return of the Prodigal Son, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54306> [retrieved July 20, 2021]. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rembrandt-The_return_of_the_prodigal_son.jpg.

Please pray for our World, our Nation, our Church and Pastor. Continued prayers for Cindy Burns, Sarah Harvey who fell and fractured her shoulder, Terri Bartrom-Brumbaugh's brother Travis Scott Lee with an exploratory procedure for an elbow complication, and all those recovering from surgery and health complications, and our shut-ins and those home-bound. Please pray to end COVID-19, Flu strains, Cancers, and all diseases.

For those not attending in person, we welcome you to join LIVE STREAMING on our Seminary FACEBOOK page Sundays at 10am. Unstreamed Adult Sunday School begins at 9am

SEMINARY CHURCH
285 Seminary Street Roanoke, IN.
Pastor: Chris Dourson July 18, 2021

Prelude

Welcome/ Announcements

* Call to Worship

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

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

now we have been found and welcomed home.

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

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

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

P: AMEN!

Congregation Hymns

Come Thou Fount #400 UMH

Verse 1

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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Amazing Grace #378 UMH

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Verse 3

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

Verse 4

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

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Giving Back to God for His Many Blessings

Going to God in Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 NIV

¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin^[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Gospel Reading Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

¹¹Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³"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. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed

pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "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! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ 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.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "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. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹ "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² 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.'"

Closing Hymn of Dismissal **Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling** #348 UMH

Verse 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

**Chorus Come home come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home**

Verse 2

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me

Chorus

Verse 3

Time is now fleeting the moments are passing
Passing from you and from me
Shadows are gathering death-beds are coming
Coming for you and for me

Chorus

Verse 4

O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Tho we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

Chorus

Benediction

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**Praise Hymn*

"How Great Is Our God"

VERSE 1

The splendor of a King

Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

Trembles at His voice

CHORUS

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see

How great, how great is our God

VERSE 2

Age to age He stands

And time is in His hands

Beginning and the end

Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One

Father, Spirit, Son

The Lion and the Lamb

The Lion and the Lamb

CHORUS

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see

How great, how great is our God

BRIDGE

Name above all names

Worthy of our praise

My heart will sing

How great is our God

Name above all names

You are worthy of our praise

And my heart will sing

How great is our God

CHORUS

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see

How great, how great is our God

CHORUS

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And all will see

How great, how great is our God

FOOD PANTRY

The emphasis for the Months of July, August and September is Canned Fruit and Condiments. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated!