

# LENT 4 SUNDAY

## March 27, 2022

Organ Prelude: Meditation from Thais

Massenet

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We come to church as those in search of home.

**Some of us feel at home where we are, while others of us are on a journey in search of where home might be. Some of us feel far away from home, some of us are lost, and some of us have been forced to make a journey we never anticipated.**

Home is about land, it's about people, it's about relationships and it's a spiritual place as well.

**Even as we pray for the people of Ukraine fleeing their homes and all those who have had to leave home at some point in their lives, we also pray that people find their way home, and find home as a place where "God" has always been.**

May this place we call church and this space we call sanctuary also be home for you present in body and present in spirit online.

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Hymn: My Shepherd is the King of Love**

**No. 691**

1. My shepherd is the King of love,  
whose goodness fails me never;  
for all things good from God above  
restore my soul forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul is guided,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with heavenly food provided.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love you sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

5. You spread a table in my sight,  
anointing grace bestowing,  
and, oh, what transport of delight:  
your cup is overflowing.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with you, dear Lord, beside me;  
your rod and staff my comfort still,  
your cross before to guide me.

6. And so through all the length of days  
your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house forever!

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Church School Theme

Special Music: Rejoice! The soul that was lost is found

Bruce Nasmith

Scripture Reading: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

*Reader, Christy Smith*

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

<sup>15</sup>Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

<sup>3</sup> So Jesus told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup> 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

We are listening, O God;

**Speak to us!**

Sermon:

WHERE IS HOME?

Dr. Harris

Special Music: You raise me up

Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham

*Soloist Shaun Alphonso*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

**\*Hymn: Come, let us sing**

**No. 706**

**1. Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,  
tender and true, tender and true;  
out of the heart of the Father above,**

**streaming to me and to you:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.**

2. Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell  
joyfully came, joyfully came,  
came with the helpless  
and hopeless to dwell,  
sharing their sorrow and shame:  
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,  
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3. Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;  
why do they roam? why do they roam?  
Love only waits to forgive and forget;  
home, weary wanderers, home:  
wonderful love, wonderful love  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4. Come to my heart,  
O thou wonderful love;  
come and abide, come and abide,  
lifting my life till it rises above  
envy and falsehood and pride:  
seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

## Benediction

## Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: The Rejoicing from Music for the Royal Fireworks

G. F. Handel

*\*Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

Ministers

Ministers-in Association

Minister Emeritus

Clerk of Session

Administrator & Manager of Community Engagement

Music Director

Parish Nurse Assistant

The Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis, [hathan1964@hotmail.com](mailto:hathan1964@hotmail.com)

The Rev. Rebecca Jess, [rebecca@armourheights.org](mailto:rebecca@armourheights.org)

The Rev. Dr. Carol Loudon, The Rev. Deb Stanbury

The Rev. Dr. Pam McCarroll & The Rev. Rodger Talbot

The Rev. William Middleton

Michael Nettleton, [clerk@armourheights.org](mailto:clerk@armourheights.org)

Erin Stone, [estone@armourheights.org](mailto:estone@armourheights.org)

Bruce C. Nasmith, [brucenasmith@gmail.com](mailto:brucenasmith@gmail.com)

Barbara Thomas



## Armour Heights Presbyterian Church

105 Wilson Avenue, Toronto M5M 2Z9

Church: (416) 485-4000, [estone@armourheights.org](mailto:estone@armourheights.org)

Website: [www.armourheights.org](http://www.armourheights.org)

*"Discover the vitality of faith"*