



# REDEEMER

CITY CHURCH



October 27, 2019 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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## **Song of Gathering and Preparation**

*We prepare our hearts, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.*

Who You Say I Am

## **Call to Worship:** Psalm 119:174-176

*We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.*

Leader: I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.

**Congregation: Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me.**

Leader: I have gone astray like a lost sheep

**Congregation: Seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

## **Songs of Adoration**

*We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.*

The Love of God

## **Reading of the Law: Joshua 23:6-11**

*While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.*

Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, but you shall cling to the LORD your God just as you have done to this day. For the LORD has driven out before you great and strong nations. And as for you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day. One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the LORD your God who fights for you, just as he promised you. Be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God.

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

*We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).*

## **Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 34:11-16**

*We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.*

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered..., so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

## **Greeting**

*In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.*

## **Song of Praise and Celebration**

*Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us*

Reckless Love  
How Deep the Father's Love

## **Worship Through Giving: November Memory Song**

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.*

## **Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal**

*Children through fifth grade are dismissed for kids' worship.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

*We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.*

## **Proclamation of God's Word**

*A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

Luke 15:1-4, 8, 11-14, 20-32 (see insert)

## **Song of Response**

*We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.*

Who You Say I Am

## **Benediction**

*Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.*

May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,  
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

## **Season of the Cross: Green for Ordinary Time**

Ordinary Time is the long season that takes up three quarters of the church year. This portion of Ordinary Time runs between Pentecost and Advent. Ordinary Time has traditionally been devoted to seeking our Lord in the simple, ordinary day-in and day-out rhythms of life. It is a time in which we are all invited to order our lives around Christ's life and teaching.

## **Proclamation of God's Word:** See Below for Pew Bible Page Numbers *A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.*

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable: 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?... 8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?..."

11 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. 13 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need..."

20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. 25 "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' 28 But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29 but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' 31 And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Pg. 874 (Luke 15:1-4, 8, 11-14, 20-32 ESV)

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have you ever been lost? Like, really lost. Tell the story.
2. How did we define lostness in the sermon? Recap again how you see this lostness in both the younger and the older brother. How is their approach to the father similar?
3. Are you more like the younger brother or the older brother?
4. At the end of the parable, the younger brother is reconciled to the father but the older brother is not. Why is "older brother" lostness more dangerous? What is particularly treacherous about it?
5. What does repentance look like for the younger brother? For the older brother?
6. Do you struggle to believe that God is like the father in Jesus' story?

**Sermon Series:** Parables of Grace

**Sermon Title:** Sinners and the Seeking Savior

**Date:** October 27, 2019

## **I. LOSTNESS**

*Both the boys in Jesus' parable are lost. They are alienated from the love of the father.*

## **II. THE SEEKING SAVIOR**

*"The Son of Man came to seek and save the Lost" (Luke 19:10).*

## Announcements

Greeting this morning are the **Portlock & Pruitt/Lutz** Community Groups.

**Corporate Prayer:** Please join us **tonight at 5pm** for a time of corporate prayer. We meet downtown at Central Park and will walk around downtown praying for our city government, businesses, non-profits, and churches.

**Thanksgiving Service:** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30pm** for our annual Thanksgiving Service. This will be a brief service as we give thanks to God for who He is and all that He has done. Childcare will be available through kindergarten.

**Person of Jesus Study:** We're offering two opportunities to participate in The Person of Jesus Study. **Join us Wednesdays for lunch from 12-1pm or in the evening from 7-8pm.** Pizza will be provided for the lunch-time group or you can bring your own lunch. These groups will meet weekly until the week of Thanksgiving.

**MOPS:** Are you a mom of preschool age children? Please consider joining our MOPS group, hosted at Redeemer City. MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers, a group of moms of young children banded together to share their lives and parenting journeys. As we grow in Christ, his love pours into us, equipping us to serve one another and our community. For more information about our MOPS group, please contact Susan Walker (863) 412-1163 or Debbie Crosby (863) 604-4091.

**Get Connected:** The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter ([redeemerwh.org/newsletter](http://redeemerwh.org/newsletter)) and our mobile app ([redeemerwh.org/app](http://redeemerwh.org/app)).

**Worship Playlists:** Follow our weekly set list on **Spotify** and **Apple Music** so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: [redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic](http://redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic).



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