



REDEEMER

SOUTHWEST CHURCH



Sunday, November 17, 2019
"The Prodigal Son: Coming Home"

Song of Gathering

Come Thou Fount

Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-2, 6-7

Leader: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?"

**ALL: "Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;**

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

**ALL: Let him return to the Lord,
that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

I Want to Know You

Praising God & Confessing Our Sins

The Good News: Isaiah 35:4-6, 10

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God will come...He will come and save you." Then
the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf
unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the
tongue of the mute sing for joy. The ransomed of the Lord shall
return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be
upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and
sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Greeting

Songs of Praise

Reckless Love
How Deep the Father's Love

Thanking God & Praying for Others

Scripture Reading & Sermon

Luke 15:1-3, 11-24 (see *insert*)

Songs of Response & Sending

Restless
The Love of the Father

Benediction

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.

Proclamation of God's Word: Pg 874 in Pew Bible

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:

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. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' ' 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.

Luke 16:19-31 (ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. How do you relate to the younger brother in this story? When have you sought out what you perceived to be "freedom" that ended up only to be a prison? How did sin deceive you?
2. Do you have any memories or stories of "coming home" that move you? How have you experienced the idea of "home" to be elusive in this life?
3. James K.A. Smith writes, "Being free isn't about leaving; it's about being found." Discuss that.
4. How does this picture of God as the welcoming, gracious Father running out to meet his wayward son change the way you view God? What's shocking about the way the Father treats his son?
5. The Son's "reckless living" was no match for the Father's reckless grace. This story tells us that the gospel is better than we could ever dream! How does this story give you hope? How does this grace change us?
6. Share any other reflections you had on "Act 1" of this parable.

Sermon Series: Parables of Grace

Sermon Title: The Prodigal Son: Coming Home

Date: November 17, 2019

I. False Freedom (Give me my share!)

How are we all like the younger brother? How does seeking "freedom" apart from God lead to bondage? What does sin do?

II. Spiritually Homesick

Why does the idea of coming home resonate so deeply with us? How is it elusive?

III. The Pursuing Father

In Christ, how does God "close the gap" that our sin created? How does this parable make us think about the extravagance of our heavenly Father's grace? How does grace change us?

Announcements

Thanksgiving Service: We're going to be joining Redeemer City Church on **Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30pm** for 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.

Christmas Party: Please join us on **Friday, December 6th at 6:30pm at the Blasio's house (720 Heritage Dr NE) for our annual Christmas party.** This is a time to relax and celebrate all God has done this year. The church will provide drinks, but please plan to bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. This is an adults only event so please arrange childcare.

Women's Bible Study: Ladies, our Bible Study looking at Philippians meets **every other Wednesday at 6:30pm at Jean Voisard's home (185 S Terrace Dr).** For more information contact Marissa Skipper, marissa.skipper@icloud.com.

Audio-Visual Team: The RSW worship team is looking to develop a schedule of volunteers to run the slides (and some of the soundboard) throughout the service. No prior experience is required as you will be trained. We are hoping to have a rotation in place at the beginning of January 2020. For any interest or questions, please email Ethan Gilmore at ethanwgilmore@gmail.com.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our mobile app ([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/RSWmusic.

Student Ministry

Our youth group meets Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Redeemer City Church (1410 Dundee Road) for grades 6th to 12th. Contact Michelle Gilmore if you have any questions: michellemariegilmore@gmail.com.

Community Groups

Sunday mornings are great, but there's not much time to really get to know anyone or build relationships. Community groups are our way of doing that. They are bi-monthly informal small groups that meet in homes and are the primary way of "connecting" with others at Redeemer Southwest Church. Please contact Rodney Barton (rodney@redeemervinterhaven.org) for more info.

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