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## 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



## THE PRODIGAL SON

Even in the midst of our very worst rebellion, we can't stop being our Father's children.



September 10, 2017





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Welcome to Worship!

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Music by the Lord's Crew

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE *All My Days*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

\*PRAISE *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
To a Thousand Generations  
Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Prodigal Song* You Tube clip

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## The Bulletin Board



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Fiscal Year to Date **Budgeted regular giving:**

Fiscal Year to Date Received: \$55,520

Joel Anderson, Acting Treasurer

### OUR GIFTS

	Weekly Offerings	Budgeted:	\$4,830
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### CENTERING WORDS

You are welcome here. No matter where you have been; no matter what you have done, you are welcomed in love and grace. May you find rest and renewal; may you find hope and peace. This is what God offers to us all!

*"Let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy...Instead put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." ---Romans 13:13*

### WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *Isn't He?* John Wimber

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

To those who eagerly came to worship God,  
**you are welcome here.**  
To those who grumbled about coming,  
**you are welcome here.**  
To those who are not sure why they are here,  
**you are welcome here.**  
In the name the One who loves and forgives us,  
you are welcome in this place.  
**Thanks be to God!**

OPENING HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* No. 126

### OPENING PRAYER (seated)

**Creator God,**  
**you have called us to this place.**  
**You breathe life into us each day.**  
**You welcome us as we are,**  
**with our hopes and fears,**  
**faults and talents.**  
**As we worship, we rest in your Spirit,**  
**and we remember that you are the One**  
**who fills our lives with unmerited grace**  
**and abounding love.**  
**In faith, we hold fast to you and come to worship**  
**In the name of Christ, your Son. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Judy Atwood

*Nursery care is available.  
Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*



A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *You are Mine* [refrain] TFWS #2218  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Choral Response *You are Mine* [refrain] TFWS #2218

CHOIR *Make This Church a Welcome Place* P. William and J. Raney

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:11-20a  
 "...this parable is a window through which I can step into the Kingdom of God."

SPECIAL MUSIC *Prodigal Song* Laura Story  
 Julie Burns, soprano, Dennis Eiler, piano

SERMON LEAVING HOME: "The Younger Brother"  
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OFFERING  
 Invitation to the Offering  
 Offertory *The Longer I Serve Him* William Gaither  
 \*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering  
*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

\*HYMN *You are Mine* TFWS #2218  
**Verse 1** I will come to you in the silence,  
 I will lift you from all your fear.  
 You will hear my voice,  
 I claim you as my choice,  
 be still and know I am here. [no refrain]

**Verse 2** I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
 I am eyes for all who long to see.  
 In the shadows of the night,  
 I will be your light,  
 Come and rest in me. [refrain]

**REFRAIN**  
 DO NOT BE AFRAID, I AM WITH YOU.  
 I HAVE CALLED YOU EACH BY NAME.  
 COME AND FOLLOW ME,  
 I WILL BRING YOU HOME;  
 I LOVE YOU AND YOU ARE MINE.

**Verse 3** I am strength for all the despairing,  
 healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 All the blind will see,  
 the lame will all run free,  
 and all will know my name. [refrain]

**Verse 4** I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
 I am the peace the world cannot give.  
 I will call your name,  
 embracing all your pain,  
 stand up, now walk, and live! [refrain]

\*BENEDICTION  
 We, who were lost, have been found.  
**We, who were dead, have received new life.**  
 Go and share God's welcome with the world.  
**We go to welcome everyone home.**

RESPONSE *Go Now in Peace*  
 POSTLUDE *A Strong Tower* Cindy Berry

Worshippers stand as able

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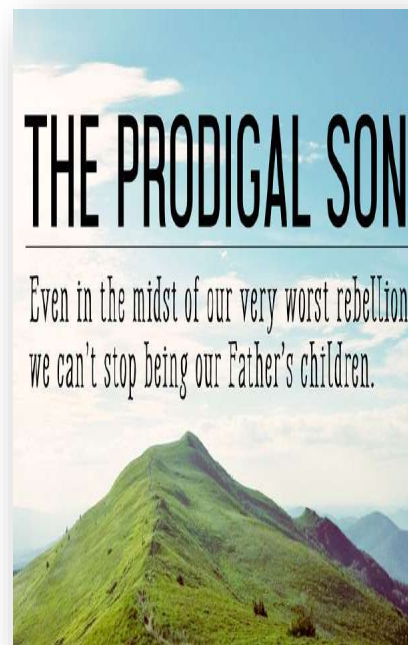
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