

she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'
¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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Notes

Responding to the Word
Affirmation of Faith
Confession of 1967, 9.16, 17
We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind.
In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.
We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

Offering
Prayer, Offertory Music
Response *Glory Be to the Father*
#577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Friends in Christ,
God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs.
Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world...

(Moment of silence)

Loving God,
open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Going Into the World

+Hymn *We Are Called* STF2172
+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude



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Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold
type

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome

+Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only*
Wise #263

+Call to Worship/Opening Prayer

L: Through Jesus Christ we are strengthened and made ready for service

P: To God be the glory!

L: The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ

P: To God be the glory!

L: God's love surrounds us always

P: To God be the glory!

Let us pray: **God of grace and glory, we praise you for the love, mercy and strength you offer us in Jesus Christ. May we be ever faithful to you as you are ever faithful to us; and may you hear us as we pray the prayer Christ taught: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and***

deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace, you call us to seek those who are lost; yet we are often lost ourselves. You call us to love the poor and outcast when we ourselves feel unworthy and exiled from your love. You call us to follow you but we often cannot feel your presence, let alone obey your will. Have mercy on us, Lord, as we seek your face, your presence, and to do your work in the world, healing and loving even as we are lost and broken ourselves. (moment of silence)

Words of Assurance

L: In Christ we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Have you ever seen a dust storm? What did the land look like afterwards?

What do you do when you've lost something important? How do you feel if you don't find it?

P: We rejoice because we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response *Drumming*

+Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Anthem *Cleanse Me* - Hayes

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Listen to the Word G2G #455

Listen to the word that God has spoken, Listen to the One who is close at hand, Listen to the Voice that began creation Listen even if you don't understand.

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

¹At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— ¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them...²²“For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.” ²³I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. ²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. ²⁵I looked, and lo, there

was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. ²⁶I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. ²⁷For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Hymn *My Hope is Built on Nothing*
Less #379

Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it,