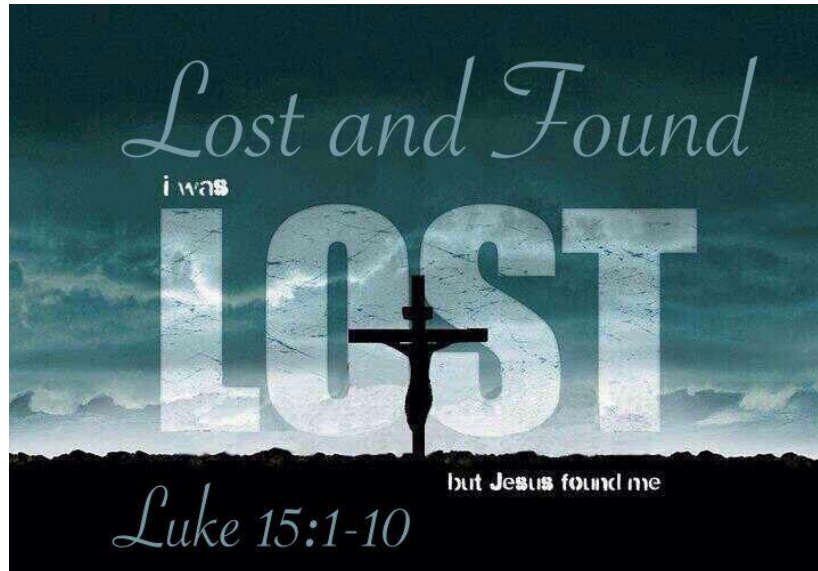


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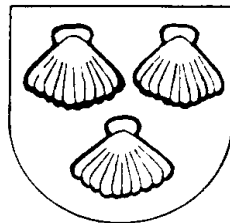


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“LOST!”

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WE GATHER

Prelude "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need/Amazing Grace" arr. by John Purifoy

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Introit

"Halleluiah, Praise the Lord"

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the Lord!
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Verse 1

Thank you Lord for loving me (4x)

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the Lord! (4x)

Call to Worship

Debra Bostron

ONE: Hear the good news: People who are lost are being found.

Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Hear the good news: God goes out into the wilderness of *our* lives, seeking us when we are lost.

Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

To Christ Jesus, full of faith and love; to the Ruler of the Ages, immortal, invisible; to the Spirit of peace and mercy,

All honor and glory are yours forever and ever. Amen!

Opening Prayer

Debra Bostron

Christ Jesus, we stand in your presence, remembering your amazing welcome of all who are lost and fallen. Sometimes we feel as if we too belong in this group, for we've fallen short of who we might be. Still, we come into your presence with confidence in your love; and we praise you for the acceptance that you show to all. To you be honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Opening Hymn

"Amazing Grace" (v.1,3,4 and 1)

UMH 378

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

3. Through many dangers, toilers, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind but now I see.

Children's Moment

Jelinda Blum

Scripture

Luke 15: 1-10 (CEB)

Debra Bostron

15 All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. ²The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³Jesus told them this parable: ⁴"Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. ⁶When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' ⁷In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

⁸"Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.' ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

Congregational Hymn

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

W & S 3107

Verse 1

I once was lost in sin
But Jesus took me in
And then a little light
From heaven filled my soul
It bathed my heart in love
And wrote my name above
And just a little talk with Jesus
Made me whole

Refrain

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus
Let us tell Him all about our troubles
He will hear our faintest cry
And He will answer by and by
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning
And you know a little fire is burning
You will find a little talk with Jesus
Makes it right makes it right

Verse 2

Sometimes my path seems drear
Without a ray of cheer
And then a cloud of doubt
May hide the light of day
The mists of sin may rise
And hide the starry skies
But just a little talk with Jesus
Clears the way

Verse 3

I may have doubts and fears
My eyes be filled with tears
But Jesus is a friend
Who watches day and night
I go to him in prayer
He knows my every care
And just a little talk with Jesus
Makes it right

Refrain

Refrain

Response to the Word (1 Tim 1, Luke 15)

Worship Leader: Our Savior Jesus seeks us in the wilderness of our own lives. Jesus is more than all our regrets. So today, here, let us lay down any burdens that we are weary of bearing. Free in Christ, may we walk with our spirits lightened, through the love of Jesus. What might you want to lay down today?
(*moment of silence*)

ALL: Forgive us where we have done wrong, and lift our sorrow and pain from us. Help us live beyond our regrets, for you are the one who forgives us, and who gives us a fresh start. Amen.

Prayers for God’s People, Church & World

Debra Bostron

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God All creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

“I Thank You, Jesus”

W & S 3037

Verse 1

(I thank You, Jesus) I thank You, Jesus.
(I thank You, Jesus) I thank You, Jesus.
I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord,
oh, You’ve brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way,
a mighty long way.

(I thank You, Jesus) I thank You, Jesus,
(I thank You, Jesus) I thank You, Jesus,
I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord;
oh, You’ve brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way,
a mighty long way.

Verse 2

(You’ve been my mother) You’ve been my mother,
(You’ve been my father) You’ve been my father,
You’ve been my sister, my brother, too;
oh, You’ve brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way,
A mighty long way.

(You’ve been my doctor) You’ve been my doctor,
(You’ve been my lawyer) You’ve been my lawyer,
You’ve been my teacher, my friend indeed;
oh, You’ve brought me from a mighty,
a mighty long way,
A mighty long way.

Benediction

ONE: Rejoice, for our God has found us and carries us home.

ALL: To Christ Jesus, our Lord, who loves us and will not let us go: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Postlude

“Lift High the Cross” arr. by John Carter

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Questions for Reflection

How are you a lost sheep, in need of someone to come and search for you?

How are you a religious leader, grumbling at the community's disintegrating standards?

How are you called to engage in the search for others who live in isolation from God and community?

Household Prayer: Morning

Persistent God, as the day begins and the light increases, let me drink deeply of your grace.

As the day unfolds, when my heart strays from you, call me back to this moment.

Come after me as surely as a woman searches for treasure lost.

If I am deaf and satisfied, if I resent the needs of others, blow strong against me.

Do not leave me in my foolishness—

for I would have your mercy flow from me:

I would be a refuge for those who wander; I would lend my heart to celebrations;

I would speak your name. Amen..

Household Prayer: Evening

*Patient, persistent God, I offer the day-that-has-been to you,
knowing that I was not alone, even when I wandered and filled my heart with noise. [Silent prayer]*

As darkness falls, as I yield to sleep,

seek me again in my dreams.

*Call to me in ways beyond my knowing that I might find the strength to feed your people,
that I might live, again, to call your name, that I might know the joy of every stranger headed home.*

For the mercy of the Christ will sustain me and the power of the Spirit send me forth. Amen.

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