

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

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Continuing Book Series: The Prodigal God

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

2 THESSALONIANS 2:15-17

So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

HYMN #483 - SING PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE

1 Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power hath made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

4 Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!

PNC COMMISSIONING

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THE CORPORATE CONFESSION - THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.*

*From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**catholic means universal*

HYMN #377 – LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE

Solo by Bob Neisinger

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Chorus

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.

3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "Being Good" - Pastor Dave Emery

LUKE 15:25-32

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.'"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The ceramic jars in the offering plates are designated for the Deacons' fund. Our deacons provide care, support, and financial assistance to those in the congregation in need.

** OFFERTORY MUSIC – INSTRUMENTAL **

HYMN #78 - ALAS AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

2 Was it for sins that I have done,
He suffered upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut its glories in,
when Christ, the great Redeemer, died
For human creatures' sin.

4 But drops of griefs can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.

COMMUNION

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

HYMN - THERE IS A REDEEMER

1 There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

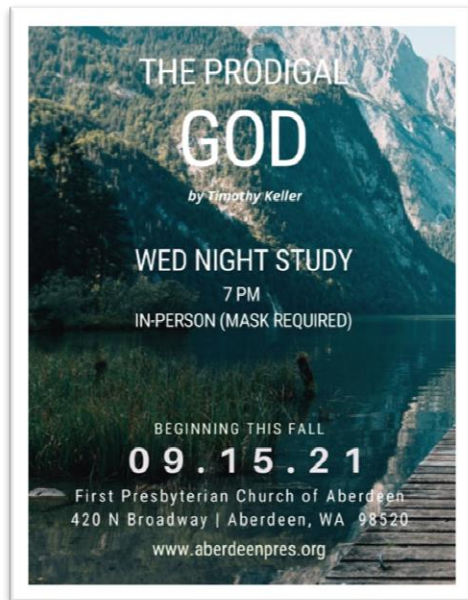
2 Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

3 When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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