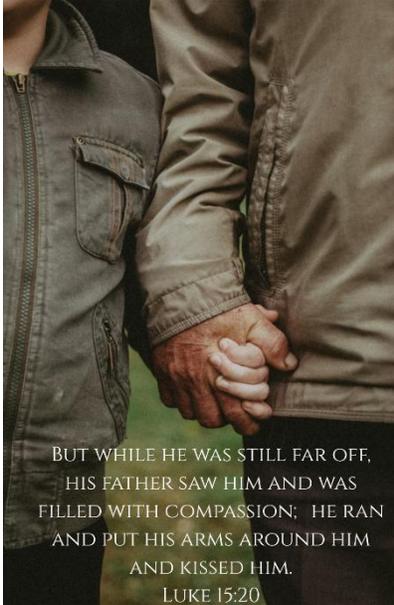


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**Call to Worship**  
**[Music Video \(official\)](#)**

**["Psalm 32: Blessed"](#)**

**Confession and Forgiveness based on 2 Corinthians 5**

We who are reconciled to God through Christ have been given the ministry of reconciliation; therefore, let us pause to confess our sins so we might once again be reconciled to God.

Silence for reflection

God our Creator, you have made us to love and be love in the world. Yet, we live with heart break, broken relationships and bitterness. Remind us that everything old has passed away; past hurts, mistakes and shortcomings. Forgive us for our trespasses and for the ways we count other's trespasses against them. You have entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. As ambassadors



## Welcome the Word

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

## Scripture Reading

**Luke 15:11-24**

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day

**This is My Father's World LBW 554**

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears. All nature sings,  
and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and  
trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning  
light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the rustling  
grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that though the  
wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is  
king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

## **Apostles' Creed**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

## **Peace**

## **Offering**

### **Offertory Response**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures  
here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Offering Prayer**

God our Provider, we return what you have first given us. All that  
we have belongs to you; ourselves, our time and our possessions.  
Each of these are adorned with signs of your grace. Use them as  
you will so we might leave this world better than we found it. Now  
ready us to receive Christ's presence in this holy meal as we open  
our hands and our hearts to receive a measure of your mercy in  
Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Words of Consecration based on Romans 5**

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for us. Each time we set this sacred table we remember that Jesus is the host. When we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we trust that Jesus is present in it. God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Before Jesus went to the cross he gathered for a final meal with his friends...Let your Holy Spirit enter into this holy meal. As we receive it remind us we are justified, saved and reconciled to you, through Jesus, who taught us to pray...

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Communion Distribution**

## **Post Communion Blessing**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Healer and our Hope, we have been strengthened by sharing this holy meal in community. When we receive your goodness side by side we remember that we need each other. Let us leave reconciled to you and our neighbors so we might live in the love that Jesus gave his life for. Amen.

## **Announcements**

## **Blessing**

## **Sending Hymn**

## **Children of the Heavenly Father LBW**

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Children of the heav'nly Father, Safely in His bosom gather  
Nestling bird or star in Heaven, Such a refuge e'er was given  
God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish  
from all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears  
them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord, His children sever

Unto them His grace He showeth and their sorrows all He knoweth  
Though He giveth or He taketh God His children ne'er forsaketh  
His, the loving purpose solely to preserve them, pure and holy

### **Christ, Be Our Light ELW 715**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to  
you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

(refrain) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many  
despair. Your world alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living  
voice. (refrain)

Longing, for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still  
thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are  
fed. (refrain)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth,  
many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls  
made of living stone. (refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to  
belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom  
come. (refrain)

### **Dismissal**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**