



THIRD SUNDAY
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. T.C. McKibben

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Voices Together #868

One: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep

Many: so God seeks and saves the lost.

One: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin

Many: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

One: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

Many: so God welcomes us and lets the past be the past.

One: Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

Many: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

#521

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,

wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

Hymn *Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us* #352

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need you to help us find our way.

Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
for we need your strength from day to day.

There's no other we can turn to
who can help us face another day.

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
for we need to you to help us find our way.

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

We thank God for gifts that belong not to us alone, but to all, since all are created in God's image. Let their need become our need; let their hunger become our hunger; and grant to us a

portion of their pain, so that in sharing ourselves, we discover the Christ who walks with us all.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

What Wondrous Love

Ellen Lorenz

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “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? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And 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.’ Just 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.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

“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? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Sermon “Seeking the Least, the Last, and the Lost”

*** Closing Hymn** *I know not why God's wondrous* (vv. 1-3) #338
I I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me is daily shown,

