



**Faith Presbyterian Church  
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**~ At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship. ~**

**PRELUDE**      The Old Rugged Cross      *arr. Raney*

**GREETING**      One: This is the day that the Lord has made!  
**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**INTROIT**      Lamb of God      *Paris*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: Do you feel it? God's Kingdom is beneath our feet.

**All: We live in the new creation shaped by God out of our brokenness.**

One: Do you know it? God's reconciling love in Christ has shattered our ways of viewing people.

**All: No longer do we label our sisters and brothers,  
We welcome them with open arms.**

One: Do you believe it? God has made everything, including us, new,

**All: and sends us forth to share this good news with everyone!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*      #223

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Call to Reconciliation**

We know our faults—the way we have treated others, our alienation from God, our unwillingness to be faithful people. We will not hide our sin or remain silent, but confess them to the One who surrounds us with steadfast love. Please join me as we pray, saying,

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**On this very day, Waiting God, we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we call 'outsiders.' We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make, but hope you will ignore our foolish choices.**

**Celebrating God, before we come to our senses, we find you running**

**towards us, sweeping us up in your arms, tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession, a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home.**

*(Silence is kept)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: God rolls away everything that stands in our way - our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

All: **Broken, we are made whole;  
lost, we are brought home;  
empty, we are filled with songs of gladness.  
We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy.  
Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father; and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen*

**WELCOME**

*We invite all our guests to identify themselves as they wish.*

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANTHEM**                      “Come to Calvary”                      Schram

**SCRIPTURE -- Old Testament                      Jeremiah 4: 1-11, 18**

If you return, O Israel, says the LORD, if you return to me, if you remove your abominations from my presence, and do not waver, <sup>2</sup> and if you swear, “As the LORD lives!” in truth, in justice, and in uprightness, then nations shall be blessed<sup>Ⓜ</sup> by him, and by him they shall boast.

<sup>3</sup> For thus says the LORD to the people of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem:

Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns. <sup>4</sup> Circumcise yourselves to

the LORD, remove the foreskin of your hearts, O people of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, or else my wrath will go forth like fire, and burn with no one to quench it, because of the evil of your doings. <sup>5</sup> Declare in Judah, and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say: Blow the trumpet through the land; shout aloud<sup>Ⓜ</sup> and say, “Gather together, and let us go into the fortified cities!”

<sup>6</sup> Raise a standard toward Zion, flee for safety, do not delay, for I am bringing evil from the north, and a great destruction. <sup>7</sup> A lion has gone up from its thicket, a destroyer of nations has set out; he has gone out from his place to make your land a waste; your cities will be ruins without inhabitant. <sup>8</sup> Because of this put on sackcloth, lament and wail: “The fierce anger of the LORD has not turned away from us.” <sup>9</sup> On that day, says the LORD, courage shall fail the king and the

officials; the priests shall be appalled and the prophets astounded. <sup>10</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord God, how utterly you have deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'It shall be well with you,' even while the sword is at the throat!" <sup>11</sup> At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights<sup>□</sup> in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—<sup>18</sup> Your ways and your doings have brought this upon you. This is your doom; how bitter it is! It has reached your very heart."

*Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.***

**SCRIPTURE -- New Testament      Luke 15: 1-10**

**15** Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "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? <sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> 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.' <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> "Or what woman having ten silver coins,<sup>□</sup> if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> 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.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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**SERMON      Roger the Lost Sheep**

**RESPONSE      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 by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Offertory

*"Distress"*

*Martin*

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*      #213

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *Beneath the Cross of Jesus #216 (verse 2)*

*Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

**POSTLUDE**      *"How Blessed from the Bonds of Sin" -- Karvonen*