

REACH OUT IN CHRIST

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

10:00am

Prelude "The Gift Of Love" English

Welcome

Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**All: For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

All: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope.

Let's kill the fatted calf and have a party!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: AMEN!

Children's Message Pastor Dave

Offertory "Heaven Came Down" Peterson

Doxology

A Time of Prayer Pastor Dave

(Also share your concerns through FB Live comments.)

Response: "Hear our prayer, O God"

The Lord's Prayer page 10

Anthem "A Prayer for Mothers" Martens
Choir

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away.

There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

"When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one

of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.'" So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant replied, 'Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.' Then the older son was furious and didn't want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. He answered his father, 'Look, I've served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you've never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.' Then his father said, 'Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.'"

Sermon "The Nature of God" Pastor Dave

Hymn "Freely, Freely" #389

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude "The Family Of God " Gaither

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Lettie Witt, Sergei Barth, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Rev. John Griswold, Ginny Monroe, Charlotte Perolio, Linda Johnston, Volrie Olin, Starla Knox, Tom Miller, Karen McGinley, Joseph Ries, Mary Ann Yates (Erna McCormick's sister), Gary McBaugh, Ramona Vaughn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***MAY 28 - MEMORIAL SERVICE for CHARLOTTE PEROLIO**—Visitation from 1-3pm. Light refreshments 3-4pm. Morgan Creek Funeral Home, 6025 Trouble Creek Rd, New Port Richey, FL 34653.

***CHURCH BBQ**—On 6/11 after worship. Save the date!

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**—Please help out in the nursery and in the children's classroom. In particular, a volunteer is needed on 5/28 to cover for a teacher on vacation. Please talk to the teachers during Sunday School if you are interested in volunteering.

***PICTURES WANTED FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY**—A cell phone selfie works ☺ You can also drop off a photograph at the church office where it can be copied.

***BIBLE STUDY**—Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am.

***CRAFT GROUP**—Meets Mondays 12:30-3pm. Come join us!



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