

## June 27, 2021

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"  
John W. Peterson

Greeting/Life of the Church Joyce Smith

\*\*Call to Worship

L: A new day has dawned, God's gift to us;  
the fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.

**P: We are a new creation in Jesus Christ;  
the old has passed away, the new has come.**

L: This is a day for forgiveness and reconciliation;  
celebrate God's love for the lost who are found.

**P: The glad cries of deliverance surround us;  
shouts of joy arise from our hearts.**

L: Let all who are faithful offer up prayers;  
may all who are in Christ give thanks.

**A: We will be glad and join the dance of life;  
with the upright of heart, we rejoice and sing.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Grace Greater than Our Sin" UMH#365

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Welcoming God, we have gathered together so that you may  
teach us the way we should go. In our times of distress and need,  
you have provided. When we have stubbornly followed our own  
plans, you have curbed our impulses. From our days of confusion  
and aimless wandering, you have rescued us and restored us to  
our true identity. Meet us now as we worship together to shape  
us into a righteous, reconciling people. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" (vs. 1,2,4) UMH#348

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer Rev. Bill Kelley  
**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 sins as we  
forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Carol Stewart  
Offertory "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" Charles H. Gabriel

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication Joyce Smith

**Thank you, God, for proclaiming our worth when we do not  
value ourselves. Thank you for welcoming us to a celebration  
of life with so many precious gifts. Thank you now for the  
privilege of sharing so others may be led to your joyous  
embrace. Help us to be generous in gratitude for your lavish  
provision for all our needs. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music "The Gift of Love" arr. by Hal Hopson  
Pam Colbrunn, Glen Shaw, vocal duet

Sermon "Our Prodigal God" Rev. Bill Kelley

\*\*Closing Hymn "Amazing Grace" UMH#378

\*\*Sending Forth

\*\*Postlude "Surely Goodness and Mercy"  
John W. Peterson and Alfred B. Smith



*Altar Flowers are given by Mike & Betsy Murray  
in honor of their 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*



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Monday 28			
Tuesday 29			
Wednesday 30	<b>DEADLINE FOR</b> Praise Band Practice	<b>7/4/21</b> 7:00 pm	<b>BULLETIN</b> FCC
Thursday 1	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Rm 16 A-B
Friday 2	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	<b>OBSERVED</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Saturday 3			
Sunday 4	Traditional Worship Sunday School  Contemporary Worship Boy Scouts Troop 140	9:00 am 10:00 am  11:00 am 5:00 pm	Sanctuary Rm 6, 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library FCC Rm 15 A

#### Sunday School Studies

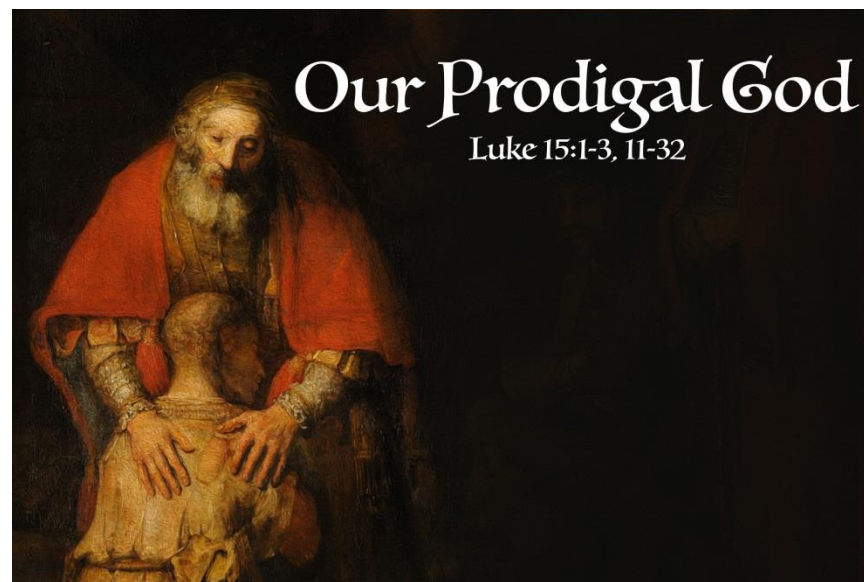
**Double I** meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, 8 week study of "The Risen Christ – Jesus' Final Words on Earth" by Bill Weimer.

**Open Doors** meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "Learn from the Hymns."

**Friends & Followers** meet in the Library, Leader Chad Mossing.

**Grades 6-12** will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Joyce Smith.

**Preschool – Grade 5** Join the children in Rm 12 under the leadership of Rhonda Cook for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.



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#### Worship Team

Guest Pastor	Rev. Bill Kelley
Ushers	Paul Pinkerton, Rick Smith, Edward Stidham, Doug Wickline
Liturgist	Joyce Smith
Acolytes	Will Mossing, Catherine Mossing, Morgan Fleming, Micah Fleming, Austin Barone
Organist	Carol Stewart

# Scripture Lesson – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## The Parable of the Lost Sheep

**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."

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## The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.' <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

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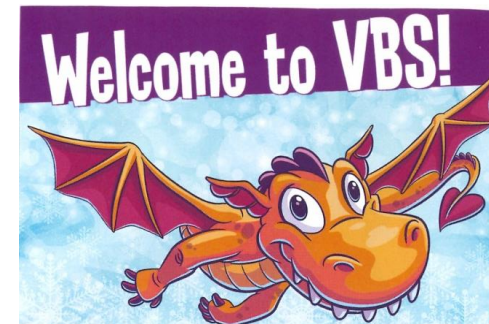
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Scripture Lesson

Pastor Andy Wagner  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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