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A Lenten Journey
with FCC Tacoma

“Missing Home”
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**Please stand if you are able*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Doug Collins

Prelude

FCC Trio

Take Your Burden to the Lord

Call to Worship

Sue Simpson

Leader: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

All: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

L: God makes us new in God's Spirit!

A: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

L: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

A: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God.

***Opening Hymn**

CH 622

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

A Time for Prayer

Pastor Doug

This morning's musical meditation is on Psalm 32. It was arranged by Ben Smith on piano, narrated by Heath Hollensbe, and edited by Doug Collins, who added synthesizer and sound effects.

Access each of our Lenten Musical Psalms as they're added online, anytime, by using the QR found in the insert along with the words to Psalm.

Psalm 32

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no
iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up^[a] as by the heat of
summer. *Selah*

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress,^[b] the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Selah

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in
the Lord.

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Community Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

Find this week's responsive prayer insert in your pew.

Scripture Reading

Sue Simpson

Luke 15: 1-3 & 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The 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. ¹³A 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. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But 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! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So 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. ²¹ 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.' ²² 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. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Doug

**“Sobriety, Lament, Resurrection:
Missing Home”**

Lord I'm Coming Home

Insert

Call to Offering & Prayer of Thanksgiving

There are many ways to contribute to the work of the Realm of God on earth. As a spiritual community, we recognize the unique role and gifts each one of us bring to the table for the work God is calling us to do together. Those who feel so called to give financially can do so by placing an offering in one of the trays located in the back of the sanctuary at the conclusion of today's service, or by giving online by visiting: www.fcctacoma.org/give

Communion Hymn

CH 195

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sharing God's Feast

communion prayer

musical meditation

***Closing Hymn**

CH 595

Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

Dismissal & Postlude

FCC Trio

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Worshippers are asked to refrain from congregating indoors. We look forward to catching up in the courtyard.

Lord I'm Coming Home

1. I've wandered far away from God,
Now I'm coming home;
The paths of hurt too long I've trod,
Lord, I'm coming home.

Refrain:

Coming home, coming home,
Nevermore to roam;
Open wide Your arms of love,
Lord, I'm coming home.

2. I've wasted many precious years,
Now I'm coming home;
I now repent with worn out tears,
Lord, I'm coming home.

Refrain:

3. I'm tired of sin and straying, Lord,
Now I'm coming home;
I trust Your love, believe Your word,
Lord, I'm coming home.

Refrain:

4. My soul is sick, my heart is sore,
Now I'm coming home;
My strength renew, my hope restore,
Lord, I'm coming home.

Refrain:

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