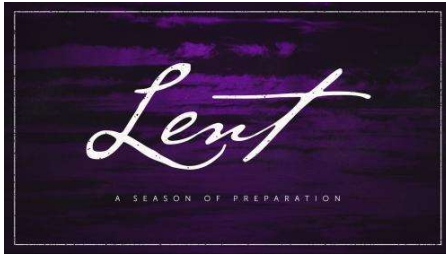


The Hospitality to Serve

Joshua 5:9-12

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



move beyond a question of ____ we serve, and into a question of
____ we serve

From the wilderness to Canaan — the hospitality of ____ is
carried over to be the hospitality of _____

parable of the lost sheep

_____ of God's _____

parable of the lost son

_____ of God's _____

I am called to participate in the same

_____ which God has shown to me

TODAY: Fourth Sunday of Lent — The servant nature of Jesus shows us not only a demonstration of God's hospitality, it shows us the direction of God's hospitality.

NEXT WEEK: Fifth Sunday of Lent

FROM THE DEACONS

Thank You to the congregation for the gifts received Feb 3-Mar 16:

Received for General Ministries:	\$ 8,317.48
Received for Christian Education:	\$ 508.00
Community Offering:	
Backpack Buddies	\$ 350.00
Fellowship Food Pantry	\$ 208.00
Desert Streams-Lont's	\$ 191.51
Benevolence-General	\$ 169.79
DMS	\$ 135.51
World Renew	\$ 20.51

From the Treasurer:

Year to Date Receipts: \$46,531.40

Year to Date Expenses: \$ 43,673.54

Community Offerings

TODAY: Life Skills

Many families in our area who are looking for support don't always know where to turn. The Life Skills Program at Fellowship (in partnership with Love Your Neighbor) offers practical answers and helpful tools to assist in the transition from struggling to thriving. The Life Skills Program provides education and mentoring in a variety of areas including budgeting, nutrition, parenting and more, learning to apply core skills, and discover gifts to contribute to God's kingdom.

<https://www.fellowshipcpc.com/life-skills/>

Apr 6: Resonate Global Mission – *Rodriguez family*

Apr 13: Denominational Ministry Shares

Apr 20: Backpack Buddies

THIS WEEK

Monday, Mar 31

Friday, Apr 4

Tuesday, Apr 1

Saturday, Apr 5

6pm Life Skills

Sunday, Apr 6

Wednesday, Apr 2

9:30am Worship

Thursday, Apr 3

11am Adult Bible Study

COMING UP

Apr 13 Congregational Listening Circles

Apr 14 Exec

Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Worship

Apr 19 Youth Group Worship Night

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March 30, 2025



Welcome!

We are glad you are here!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service

Also available during worship:

Nursery for infants & toddlers;

Coloring pages and crayons for kids;

Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up
(found by weekly bulletins)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS

are available at the sound booth

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

*Come People of the Risen King
Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee
How Great is Your Love*

Prayers of the People

Scripture *Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

Joshua 5:9-12

⁹Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. ¹¹The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. ¹²The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

Luke 15:1-3,

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³Then Jesus told them this parable:

v. 11-32

scripture passage on next page→

Message "The Hospitality to Serve"

By Our Love

God's Parting Blessing

TODAY

9:30am Worship

10:45am Church School

11am Adult Bible Study

CHURCH LIFE

LISTENING CIRCLES Council will be holding Listening Circles to hear feedback on the six statements that were shared in the recent letter to the congregation on 3/9 (digital access can be found in the Midweek). Feedback gathered will be used to help determine the best way forward for Fellowship. We will be holding Listening Circles on 4/13. **Please sign up if you did not already attend on 3/23.** Signup is available online and at the Information Center. Thank you for your prayer and participation in discerning God's will for our church!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY The class is in Room 10, and it will begin around 15 minutes after the end of worship and will end 45 minutes later. All are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (LMPHILO@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook0104@gmail.com).

★ Find daily scriptures and prayers for LENT in the *Seeking God's Face* devotional — www.seekinggodsfac.org

The Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Dave and Chris Cook**. Although many details are pending, it looks like Chris' surgery may be approved soon!
- **Sarah and Rachel Lenhart** are thankful for progress in healing from concussions. Rachel's headaches are gone. Pray for diligence for her with lots of PT exercises as she continues healing.
- Continue to pray for **Gary and Sue Roode** as Gary makes progress toward regaining strength, and for Sue as she cares for him at home.
- Continue to pray for **Randy and Cathy Kraker** as Hospice is helping to provide care for Randy at Waterford Place.
- Pray for **Life Skills** and the families who are a part of it. Pray for their success through the program and that through their participation they can sustain what they have learned. Pray for the volunteers who participate each week; mentors, childcare workers, meal providers, and the many more volunteers who nurture this program.
- For the **Fellowship Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.

Dear Fellowship Friends,

Randy and I want to thank you for all of your prayers, cards, food, and acts of kindness during this difficult time. The Lord has been good to us! He sent us all of you to help sustain us!

*We ask the Lord's blessing on each and every one of you!
In Christian Love, **Cathy & Randy Kraker***

MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Thank you for remembering our 31 Backpack Buddies in your prayers and through your giving.

We are currently well stocked with canned chicken and with plastic grocery bags but there are few things we need for April :

- Fruit Cups
- Nutrigrain bars
- Canned pastas

Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Sandy Campo (616)889-3134