



A Lost Sheep & Coin (Luke 15:3-9)

July 26, 2020

Stories that Matter

Prelude

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" arr. David Carnes and Beth Humber
Organ/Piano Duet

Celebration of Community

Welcome to live and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. Remember that the 8:30 Traditional service and the 11:00 AWE Contemporary service are being live streamed and are available on YouTube this morning.

- American Red Cross Blood Drive is tomorrow, Monday, July 27 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, saxegotha.org/news for details and to register. Help with the blood drive, email pfloyd@saxegotha.org.
- Mission Lexington Back to School Supplies Drive on Tues, July 28 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Saxe Gotha parking lot in front of the bell tower. Go to saxegotha.org/news for the list of item needed.
- The First Impressions Team is in need of Ushers and CREW members. To Volunteer, please go to saxegotha.org/news. All volunteers assist once every 6 weeks.
- The Adult Ministry team would like to have a movie night showing "Amazing Grace" (rated PG) on Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 pm in the Light House. Please bring a snack and a comfortable chair.
- To keep everyone safe at this time of worship we appreciate you all wearing masks and also for not joining in on congregational singing. We want to make sure that everyone stays safe and well.

We Gather to Worship

Music of Preparation(video)

"Fairest Lord Jesus" Handbell Duet

Call to Worship

selections from Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Opening Hymn

#688 Savior Like a Shepherd lead us (Vs. 1 and 2)

Prayer of Confession

God of hope and safety, like sheep who go astray, we have wandered from your paths of life and light. We have heard the Shepherd's voice calling us by name, but we have turned instead to our own way. We humbly seek your forgiveness for our sinful wandering. Show us your tender mercy; restore us in the security of your fold. Lead us back to still waters, seat us again at your table. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might bear glad witness to your saving mercy, revealed to us in the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Church, the promise of the Gospel is that we have a shepherd who will never stop looking for us. Christ comes to us and brings us home once more, leading us into the presence of the God who loves us. Jesus assures us that grace is real. Indeed, he tells us "there is joy in the presence of God over one sinner who repents." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Affirmation of Faith

from The Essential Tenets of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

We are all sinners who fall short of God's glory, and we all deserve God's eternal judgment. Apart from the saving work of Jesus Christ, we are incapable of being in God's presence, incapable of bearing the weight of His glory. We rejoice that Jesus Christ offers us safe conduct into the heart of God's consuming and purifying fire, shielding us with His perfect humanity and transforming us by His divine power. Having received such grace, we extend grace to others.

Gloria Patri**Children's Message (Video)****Passing of the Peace (Video)****Doxology #815****Offertory Prayer****Anthem**

No one can take you from my hands

We Hear God's Word**Message**

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We Respond to God's Word**Pastoral Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Invitation and Benediction****Closing Hymn**

#343 "Amazing Grace" (Vs. 1,2,5)

Postlude

"Recessional on 'To God Be the Glory'" arr. Douglas E. Wagner
