

Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

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

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.



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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ -
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 11, 2022

GATHERING

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| Gathering Music | Jenny Epp |
| Welcome, Announcements | Aleen Ratzlaff |
| Prelude to Worship | Jenny Epp |
| *Call to Worship | Aleen Ratzlaff |
| *Prayer | |
| *Hymn of Gathering | Summoned by the God Who Made Us VT 1 |
| Psalm 14 (NRSV) | |

*Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good.*

**The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.
They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good, no, not one.**

*Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon the LORD?*

**There they shall be in great terror,
You would confound the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.**

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

**When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

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| Hymn | The Love of God | VT 162 |
| Time for God's Children | | Pastor Tom |

SHARING

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| Sharing and Prayer | | Pastor Tom |
| Bringing our First Fruits | | |
| Offertory | | Jenny Epp |
| Hymn | Spirit of God! Descend | VT 557 |

LISTENING

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| The Lesson | | Luke 15:1-10 |
| Message | Sinners Welcome! | Pastor Tom |

RESPONDING

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| Hymn | Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God | 653 |
| Sending | The Lord Lift You Up | 832 |
| Postlude | | Jenny Epp |

Among Our Friends and in Our Prayers:

- ❖ Continuing to pray through our directory.
- ❖ Pray for our **Arts & Crafts Ministry**. All are invited to the sanctuary the night before at 5:30pm for a short time of prayer to prepare our hearts and dedicate our efforts.
- ❖ Pray for all of our **councils and committees** as they seek God's guidance in hearing His plans for the coming year.
- ❖ **WDC Request:** Pray for interim and transitional pastors, as they give leadership to congregations in times of change and new vision for the future.

Announcements:

- ❖ **Special Offering today for Care Committee.**
- ❖ **Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday!** Please come 15 minutes before your time to serve. Parking starts at 7, peppernuts start at 9 and the café opens at 10.

- ❖ New Sunday School class began today. Simply Enough: straight talk from Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne on **Simple, Just Living**. You can still join the 6 week study.

- ❖ We will honor our newlyweds with a **grocery shower** on **Sunday, September 18**. Bring groceries or if you prefer, we will have an envelope in the office for a donation. We will also have a card for everyone to sign.

- ❖ **Thanks** to all the leaders who scurried around and got help on our office computer. We now have a refurbished computer with all of our data back!

- ❖ **MCC School Kits**: Last call for supply donations. They will be taken to MCC this week.

- ❖ **MCC partners** in Uman, Kharkiv, Nikopol and other places in Ukraine recently distributed emergency relief supplies to more than 16,000 people thanks to supporters like you.

- ❖ **This week**: Monday: Exaudio lectures at Tabor at 10am and 7pm. Tuesday: Vision Council Zoom meeting at 7pm.

- ❖ **Ministries Council** met Thursday evening and approved the Vision Council's Priority Plan for Pastor Tom's second term based on the results and feedback from the pastoral review in spring of 2021. Copies of this will be in your mailboxes by September 25.