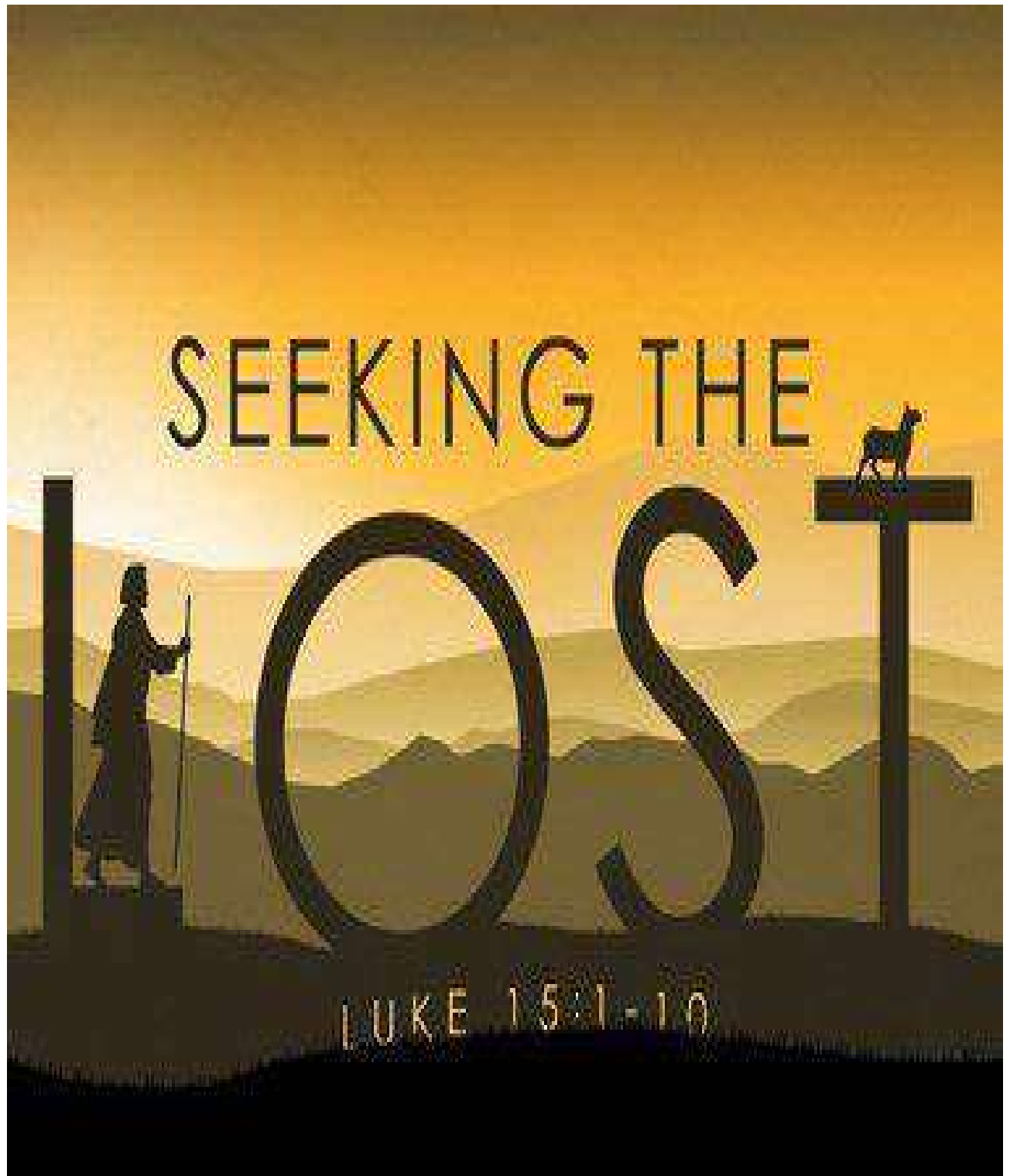


Grace Community Presbyterian Church
September 18, 2022



Thought for Meditation:

The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin communicate with undeniable vividness that God is concerned about the lost, cares about individuals and is consumed with an active, seeking love for you and me.
Lloyd John Ogilvie

Prelude Variations on "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Johnson

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

Call To Worship Psalm 136 Jackie Chickerella

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

P: His steadfast love endures forever.

L: God alone does great wonders,

P: His steadfast love endures forever.

L: God brought Israel out of Egypt,

P: His steadfast love endures forever.

L: God sent his Son to save us,

P: His steadfast love endures forever.

L: Let us worship our God and King!

* **Hymn of Praise** Give to Our God Immortal Praise #112

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love. Yet the truth is that we are lost. We have wandered from your way and disobeyed your commands. Our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love.

Lord, in your great mercy we pray that you will seek us again, and welcome us as your beloved children, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us. *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

Assurance of Forgiveness Romans 6:23

L: What we deserve for our sins is death!

P: What God gives to us instead is forgiveness!

L: This free gift comes through Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: Jesus died for our sins that we might be forgiven!

ALL: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

* Passing of the Peace

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

* **Glory Be To The Father** #813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16 (page 744)

Anthem	Jesu, Gentle Shepherd (Farrar)	Choir
New Testament Lesson	Luke 15:1-10 (page 908)	
Sermon	Lost	
* Hymn of Response	Lord, Speak to Me	#667
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	
	I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;	
	And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.	
	I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.	
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer		
Call for Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	DeCou
* Doxology		#815
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow.	
	Praise Him, all creatures here below.	
	Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.	
	Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
* Prayer of Dedication		
* Hymn of Dedication	Amazing Grace (v1-4)	#343
* Charge and Benediction		
* Congregational Response	Amazing Grace (v5)	#343
	When we've been there ten thousand years,	
	Bright shining as the sun,	
	We've no less days to sing God's praise	
	Than when we'd first begun.	
* Postlude	Festival Postlude on "Westminster Abbey"	Towers

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. June Cicola will be your greeter today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Stephanie Tutka will be your host.

Adult Sunday School: Holy Habits @ 9:00 AM in the Library

This week we are looking at the Habit (spiritual discipline) of prayer. If you would like to strengthen and deepen your prayer life you are invited to join us.

To be effective pray-ers, we need to be effective lovers... Real prayer comes not from gritting our teeth but from falling in love... We must never believe the lie that says that the details of our lives are not the proper content of prayer. *Richard Foster*

Next week - FASTING! - Sunday, September 25 @ 9:00AM in the Library. Led by Pastor Doug Marshall

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST(S) AND GREEETER(S) NEEDED Please sign up to volunteer to be a coffee fellowship host and/or a greeter. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board by the office. Thanks in advance.



Don't forget, the Rummage Sale is this Saturday, September 24, right here at Grace Community Presbyterian Church. The bargain hunting begins at 8am. See you then!

TODAY'S MUSIC: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" was written by John Mason Neale (1818-1866), from a 7th century Latin hymn entitled *Urba Beata Hierusalem* (Beautiful City, Jerusalem). The opening line of the original was, "Blessed city, heavenly Salem (Ps. 76:2)." Neale chose to begin with the fifth stanza (of nine) in the Latin version. The text can be found in our hymnal - #403 (but with a different tune).

The tune was written to be sung to repeated 'Alleluias' at the end of Henry Purcell's anthem 'O God, Thou art my God'. This tune is named in honor of his close association with Westminster Abbey, where he is buried beside the organ. **Westminster Abbey** (the hymn tune and the basis for today's prelude and postlude) was made by Ernest Hawkins and first appeared in 1843 in Vincent Novello's collection *The Psalmist*. Hawkins was a Canon of Westminster Abbey where Purcell had been organist. It did not become popular as a hymn tune, however, until it was sung at Princess Margaret's wedding in the Abbey in 1960.

Frances Havergal was a deeply spiritual woman, and a scholar who had mastered Hebrew and Greek, as well as six or seven modern languages. In spite of her early death (at the age of 43, from peritonitis) she was an excellent athlete, a swimmer and mountain climber. Frances Havergal wrote **Lord Speak to Me** in 1872 for the use of lay helpers in the church. The music is adapted from Robert Schumann's *Nachtstück*, Opus 23, no. 4. She originally entitled this wonderful hymn "A Worker's Prayer," and it was subtitled "None of us lives to himself" (Rom. 14:7)

"Lord, speak to me that I may speak In living echoes of Thy tone..." Living echoes – what an expressive phrase! We have no message in ourselves, no power in ourselves, that can be of help to others. We are called to repeat the message already given in the inspired Word of God. And what we share will be a living echo, if it comes from the Word that is "living and powerful" (Heb. 4:12), and is delivered in the power of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 2:4-5). We serve as open channels through which God's grace and blessing can flow.

**This Week's Calendar
September 18 - 24**

Sunday	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Deacons Meeting (Library)	11:00am
	Session Meeting (Nazareth Room)	11:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thursday	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Men's Club	6:00pm
Saturday	Rummage Sale	8am-1pm

**Looking Ahead
September 25 - October 1**

September 25	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
September 26	Session Meeting	7:00pm
September 27	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Redstone Presbytery @ Westmont PC, Johnstown	6:00pm
September 28	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm

October CrossCurrents will be mailed out. If you have anything you would like to submit, please send an email to the office by Monday, September 26.

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September 29	Rabbits Foot Resident Meeting	6:00pm
	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:00pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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