

Sunday, June 20, 2021 – 11:00

Chiming of the Hour

Paul Ferrington, organist

Voluntary

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" arr. Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard
Patsy Wade, piano; Paul Ferrington, organist

A Word of Welcome

Dr. Davis Chappell

*Call to Worship

Dr. Davis Chappell

Leader: Come to God who gathers us in.

People: We come to God who nurtures us like a father.

Leader: Come to God whose arms are open and waiting.

People: We come to God who welcomes and forgives us.

Leader: Come to God who calls us and journeys with us.

People: Let us worship the God of grace!

*Hymn 66

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

*Affirmation of Faith 883

Rev. Adam Jones

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: Who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri 70

"Glory Be to the Father"

MEINEKE

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Adam Jones

*Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-32 (NRSV)

Judy Zartman

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The 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. ¹³ A 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. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But 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! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So 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.”

Sermon	“The Loving Father” Kindred Hearts, Part 11	Dr. Davis Chappell
Offering		Rev. Adam Jones
Offertory	“Grace” Chancel Choir; Mark Edwards, director	by Mark Hayes
*Invitation to Christian Discipleship		Dr. Davis Chappell
*Closing Hymn 141	“Children of the Heavenly Father”	TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
*Benediction		Dr. Davis Chappell
*Choral Benediction	“Go Ye Now in Peace” Chancel Choir; Mark Edwards, director	by Joyce Eilers
Postlude	Processional on “Lauda”	arr. Don Hustad

The chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Perkins by Gail Perkins and Robin, Ragon, and Jake Petty.

The narthex flowers are presented to the glory of God by Louise Spann in loving memory of her husband, John Spann III, and her mother-in-law, Gwen Spann.

SERMON REFLECTION

1. What are my biggest take-aways from the sermon?

2. What is God teaching me?

3. What from the sermon can I apply to my life this week?

4. When did I feel most uplifted?

5. When did I feel most unsettled?
