

WORSHIP HANDOUT  
Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>  
Pulpit Swap – Rev. Rachel McDonald



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME                      They'll Know we Are Christians by  
our Love TFWS 2223 v I

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

If we wander from Love's way out of fear or in pursuit of power,

**God reaches after us**

If we are turned away from the places we once called home,

**God companions us**

If we desire to create places of belonging that are just and restorative,

**God empowers us**

If we go looking for what has been missing within us,

**God meets us in the searching**

Praise be to God who leads us on paths of restoration

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OPENING PRAYER

Praise God for the Lord who loves

Praise God for the Lord who cares

In the midst of my weakness

When I am lost

Unable to find

Even myself

There is One who seeks

One who finds, Me,

The lost  
And rejoices in the correction of our folly  
Rejoices with the angels  
Rejoices with song  
Rejoices for us  
And with us  
Often before we are aware  
We were lost  
“Isn’t it strange how things happen?”  
“It was just one of those days”  
“I’ve decided to make a change”  
These are the words we use  
Rejoice and be glad,  
For that which was lost has been found

~ posted on **Pastor Dan’s Grace Notes**. <http://coslcgrace.blogspot.ca/>

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER      Where Children Belong TFWS  
2223

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

\*HYMN      Come Back Quickly to the Lord UMH 343

LESSON I      Colossians 3:12-15

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God’s choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. <sup>14</sup> And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. <sup>15</sup> The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people.

**May God add a Blessing to this reading.**

\*LESSON 2

Luke 15:1-7

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn’t he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. <sup>6</sup>When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Celebrate with me because I’ve found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Rachel McDonald

\*HYMN: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH 381

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers/Names of the People

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

HYMN                      Spirit Song                      UMH 347

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,  
giver of every good and perfect gift,  
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,  
that we may praise you not with our words only,  
but with our whole lives. Amen.

\*BENEDICTION and RESPONSE

May You Run and Not Be Weary TFWS 2281 (one lic)

POSTLUDE