

GATHERING MUSIC **THOMPSON - Will L. Thompson, Setting by David Cherwin**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have all gone astray like sheep, **yet God has called us back.**
We long for your salvation, Lord. **Your law is our delight.**
Let us sing of God's promises, **for we live to praise our creator!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins, the thoughts, words, and deeds that have damaged our relationship with you, our neighbors, and your creation. *silence for reflection* **Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Forgiving God,

You long for your lost children to return to you. **Lead us homeward on the path of repentance, that we might be restored to you and to your community in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ACCLAMATION

"Listen To The Word"

ACS #974



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;



lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

READING: **Psalm 119:169-176**

tone 8



169 Let my cry come before I you, O Lord;
give me understanding, according I to your word.

170 Let my supplication I come before you;
deliver me, according I to your promise.

171 My lips shall pour I forth your praise,
when you teach I me your statutes.

172 My tongue shall sing I of your promise,
for all your command- I ments are righteous.

173 Let your hand be read- I y to help me,
for I have chosen I your commandments.

174 I long for your salva- I tion, O Lord,
and your teaching is I my delight.

175 Let me live, and I I will praise you,
and let your I judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep I that is lost;
search for your servant, for I do not forget I your commandments.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
PREACHING TEXT: **Luke 15:1-32**

Glory to you, O Lord.
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Trudy Stoffel

OFFERING

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SPECIAL MUSIC

“Wayward Journey” - Dick Claasen

Martha Sobie, Wood Flute

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS After each petition: Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

“Softly And Tenderly Jesus is Calling”
THOMPSON



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

Morning Prayer Op. 39 No. 1 - Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky