



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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5th Sunday in Lent - Purple  
March 29, 2020

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*5th Sunday in Lent*

# **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**March 29, 2020**

## **PRAISE & WORSHIP**

- Jesus, All For Jesus
- I Fix My Eyes On You
- Kabakkuk 3:17-19
- Jesus You Are Lord
- Turn Your Heart Toward Home

## **PRAYER & PRAISE CARD**

## **JOYS & CONCERNS/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER**

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Luke 15: 25-32**

## **MESSAGE**

**Hollywood Endings**

**Randy Thomas**

## **INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST & ALTAR TIME/JOIN THE CHURCH**

## **OFFERING**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Please send prayer requests through mail, email, Facebook, or text.

## HOLLYWOOD ENDINGS

### Luke 15:25-32 (NLT2)

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, <sup>26</sup> and he asked one of the servants what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’ <sup>28</sup> “The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, <sup>29</sup> but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. <sup>30</sup> Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’ <sup>31</sup> “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

### Luke 15:1-3 (NLT2)

<sup>1</sup> Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. <sup>2</sup> This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them! <sup>3</sup> So Jesus told them this story...

## I. The Older Brother Lost His Joy

### Luke 15:25-28 (NLT2)

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, <sup>26</sup> and he asked one of the servants what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’ <sup>28</sup> “The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him...

**There’s no doubt that the older brother would have been angry at his younger brother for the way he left and for hurting their father.**

### Romans 12:15 (NKJV)

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

## **II. The Older Brother Lost His Focus**

### **Luke 15:29-30 (NLT2)**

<sup>29</sup> but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. <sup>30</sup> Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’

**The older brother’s issue is that he’s stuck playing the comparison game.**

### **Luke 18:10-14 (NLT2)**

<sup>10</sup> “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don’t cheat, I don’t sin, and I don’t commit adultery. I’m certainly not like that tax collector!’ <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’ <sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying,

‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

## **III. The Older Brother Lost His Perspective**

**There is a belief that some Christians have - that the Gospel is important for salvation, but then we move on to other things as we grow.**

### **Luke 15:31-32 (NLT2)**

<sup>31</sup> “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

### **Ephesians 5:25 (NLT2)**

<sup>25</sup> For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her.

Notes:

**\*Please notice the next steps for your card.**

### **NEXT STEPS**

- \_\_\_ I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.
- \_\_\_ I recommitted my life to Jesus Christ this morning.
- \_\_\_ I will be like the father who welcomes and loves the lost.
- \_\_\_ I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

### **MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK**

### **Romans 1:16 (NLT2)**

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Johnnie & Olga Rivera and Viola Duarte would like to thank everyone for the wonderful luncheon, flowers, and gifts on 3/15/2020.
- Happy Birthday Kylie Duarte on April 3rd and Amelia Irvin on April 11th!
- With God's grace we have the sermon posted online <https://www.fsfumc.com>
- If you're on Facebook, find our page, [facebook.com/fortstocktonfumc](https://www.facebook.com/fortstocktonfumc), and "Like" and follow us for updates.
- Our website [FSFUMC.com](https://www.fsfumc.com) will also be a source for information
- Office hours will remain the same during this cautious time, feel free to come in for prayer in the sanctuary or prayer room Mondays through Thursdays: 9 am-12 noon and 1-3 pm, as long as you are not feeling ill.
- El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine: Any items you donate are greatly appreciated.
- Our Food Bank is running low on the basics, as are most grocery stores, if you have any extra canned or dried goods you'd like to donate, please let us know. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help during regular business hours.

## **WITH OUR GIFTS**

Received last Sunday:...Tithes & Offerings.....\$103.00

## **WITH OUR PRESENCE**

Last Sunday's Morning Service (Views as of Tuesday).....63

## **FUMC MISSION STATEMENT**

New. Life. Now.

## **WITH OUR PRAYERS**

Prayers for continued healing for: The Neylands. Johnnie & Olga Rivera. Kay Magee. Blaine Ward. Denna Sadler. Rosie Hopkins & Susie Vestal, her mom. Sara Borden. Melba Ward. Sylvia Thomas. Eva Gail Abington. Terri Klutts Young, Jim & Beth Ivy's friend, who fought cancer ten years ago, and it has returned. Kate Finley, Jessica McGuire Harral's niece, who is a 5 yr. old with cancer dealing with chemo. Graham & Tara Bowman, Graham has Lewy Body Dementia. Bill Rawls, family friend of the Robbins, who has heart issues. Kelli Neeb Kemp, Cheryl & Charles Neeb, who is recovering from surgery.



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