

Today's Scripture Reading



Luke 15¹¹⁻³²

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' 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. 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.' 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. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 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. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 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.' "



Welcome to Worship!

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The people of Colby United Methodist Church are called to reflect Christ in Colby and beyond.



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Order of Worship

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude		Pianist
Welcome & Announcements		Liturgist
Opening Song	“Whisper a Prayer” “Father, I Adore You”	Psalty Singers
† Call to Worship		Liturgist
Opening Hymn	“Guide Me, O Great Jehovah”	UMH #127
† Opening Prayer		Liturgist
† Lifting Joys & Concerns in Prayer		Pastor Rodgers
Prayer Song	“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”	UMH #176
Lord’s Prayer		UMH #895
Scripture Reading	Luke 15 ¹¹⁻³²	Liturgist
Children’s Message		Pastor Rodgers
† Special Music	“I Am Bound for The Kingdom”	Chancel Choir
Message		Pastor Rodgers
Doxology & Offertory Prayer		#94/Liturgist
† Closing Hymn	“Close to Thee”	UMH #407
† Closing Prayer & Benediction		Pastor Rodgers
Postlude		Organist

Liturgist: Lynette Andregg
Organist/Pianist: Pat Ziegelmeier
Special Music: Psalty Singers, Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Philip Shuman

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the company of the upright in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

The works of God’s hands are faithful and just; all God’s precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

God’s works extend to you and me and the whole community as the Spirit nurtures gifts and graces in each of us.

Great are the works of the Lord, whose love and grace endures forever!

God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God’s voice, yet all are called to lead by following.

We affirm the gifts of those who are called to be truth-tellers in our midst, helping us all to answer the call to be truth-doers.

Great are the works of the Lord! Amen.

Weekly Colby UMC Activities

Sun @ 9:00 am	Sunday School
Sun @ 9:15 am	Choir Practice
Tues @ 7:00 pm	Advent Study
Wed @ 11:30 & 4	Helping Paws
Thurs @ 8:00 am	Men’s Breakfast (Moka’s)
Thurs @ 1:00 pm	SOAP Bible Study
Thurs @ 9:00 am	Quilting Group

Pastor’s Schedule

Day Off: Monday
Office Hrs.: Tues–Fri: 9–12pm
 Afternoons – Pastoral Visitation
Saturday: Requested Visitation

Last Sunday

Attendance last week: 106
 General Offering: \$4,787
 Weekly need: \$6,670

Capital Campaign Funds

Raised to date: \$197,861
 Funds available: \$19,851
 Goal: \$300,000

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