



# I AM THE PRODIGAL

CHRISTMAS TO EASTER #12  
(LUKE 15:11-32)

A PICTURE OF THE FATHER PAINTED BY THE SON

I. MESSAGE TO THE YOUNGER PRODIGALS / LAW-BREAKERS – *“COME HOME! IT’S SAFE!”*

II. MESSAGE TO THE ELDER PRODIGALS / LAW-KEEPERS – *“COME IN! LET ME LOVE YOU!”*

III. MESSAGE TO ME?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

When a newspaper posed the question, “What’s Wrong with the World?” the Catholic thinker G. K. Chesterton reputedly wrote a brief letter in response:

“Dear Sirs: I am.  
Sincerely Yours, G. K.  
Chesterton.” This is the  
attitude of someone  
who has grasped the  
message of Jesus.

- Tim Keller,  
The Prodigal  
God, p.53



Return of the Prodigal,  
Rembrandt van Rijn (1669)

**Covenant Presbyterian Church  
of  
Reno, Nevada**

**March 17, 2024**

# Service for The Lord's Day

March 17, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

*I will arise 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 as one of your hired servants."*

- Luke 15:18-19

## *We Gather as the Lost Who Have Been Sought & Found*

**Prelude** Melissa Bullard, piano  
**Greetings and Church Family News** Pastor Jay Hull  
**Choral Introit** "A New Song" - Peterson Covenant Choir  
**Call to Worship** Psalm 139 (hymnal p.836) Elder Dan Carne

## *We Worship Our God Who Comes Out to Us*

**\*Opening Hymn** #380  
"Father, Again in Jesus' Name We Meet"  
**\*Time of Greeting**  
**Children's Prayer Time** Katie Guerrero  
**Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance  
& Gloria Patri (#734)**  
**Time of Offering**  
**Offertory Anthem** Covenant Choir  
"Any Road, Any Cost" – Krippayne/Wood  
**\*Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## *God's Word Calls Us into the Waiting Arms of God our Father*

**\*Hymn of Preparation** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" #508

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 15:11-32 (p.874)

**Message:** I Am the Prodigal Dan Carne &  
(The Rescue - Christmas to Easter #12) Jay Hull

## *We Go Forth into an Abundant Life with God*

### **Prayers of the People & The 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.*

**\*Closing Hymn** "Amazing Grace" #460

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Melissa Bullard, piano

\* indicates to stand if  
you are able



## Hymns for March 17<sup>th</sup>

### Father, Again in Jesus' Name We Meet (#380)

- 1 Father, again in Jesus' name we meet,  
and bow in penitence beneath your feet:  
again to you our feeble voices raise,  
to sue for mercy, and to sing your praise.
- 2 O we would bless you for your ceaseless care,  
and all your works from day to day declare:  
is not our life with hourly mercies crowned?  
Does not your arm encircle us around?
- 3 Alas, unworthy of your boundless love,  
too oft with careless feet from you we rove;  
but now, encouraged by your voice, we come,  
returning sinners to a Father's home.
- 4 O by that name in whom all fullness dwells,  
O by that love which ev'ry love excels,  
O by that blood so freely shed for sin,  
open blest mercy's gate and take us in.

### Jesus, Lover of My Soul (#508)

- 1 Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!
- 2 Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

- 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4 Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

### Amazing Grace (#460)

- 1 Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
- 5 And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.
- 6 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.