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Sunday, March 19, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of Lent
Rev. Dr. Lee Ann Shaw, Lead Pastor
“The Hour of the Lost”
Scriptures: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (NRSV)



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Luke 15:1-3

- ¹ Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.
- ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’
- ³ So he told them this parable:

Luke 15:11-32

- ¹¹ Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons.
- ¹² The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them.
- ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.
- ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.
- ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.
- ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.
- ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!
- ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
- ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’”
- ²⁰ 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.
- ²¹ 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.”



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²² 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.

²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;

²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

²⁷ He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.”

²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

²⁹ 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.

³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!”

³¹ Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

³² 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.” ([top](#))