

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

Janice Hedberg, Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

*Gathering Song (Stand) #48 "Immortal, Invisible" *ST. DENIO*

*Call to Worship (Stand)

The Lord looks down from heaven:

Are there any who are wise, who seek after God?

Everywhere fools say, "There is no God."

Even the believers have wandered away!

The earth is a waste, the heavens are dark.

The farms are a desert, and the cities are ruined,

The whole land shall become a desolation,

Yet God will not make a full end!

Rejoice in the Lord, who rejoices over us

When we repent and renounce our wicked ways.

For there is more joy in heaven over those who repent

Than over those who need no repentance!

*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Songs of Faith "God of Wonders" *WORSHIP TEAM*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Karen Kirby

The First Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12-,22-28

The Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) Luke 15:1-10

*Responsorial (Stand) #66 "To God be the Glory"

FANNY J. CROSBY

Greet Your Family and Neighbors

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also," (Matthew 6:19-21). Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.



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Offertory

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Prayer of Illumination and The Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship

*Closing Hymn (Stand) BH 357 "Rescue the Perishing"

*Spoken Benediction (Stand)

Postlude

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HOW TO BECOME A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer and Redeemer (Savior) and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

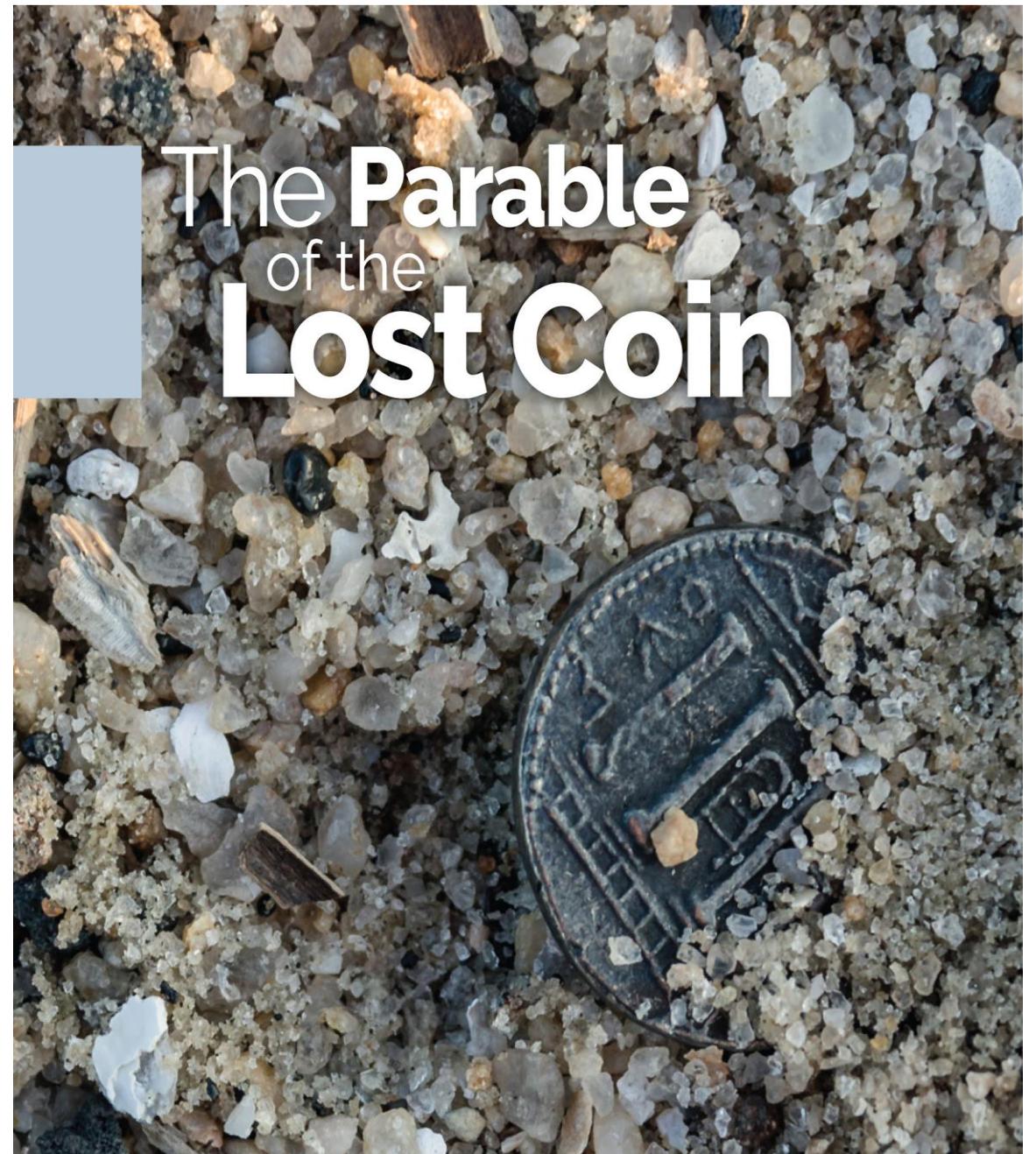
HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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