

## THE ELDER BROTHER

- A startling new understanding of lostness
- The markers of what this lostness looks like:
  - 1) A deep anger (v. 28 – “he became angry”)
  - 2) A joyless and mechanical obedience (v29 – “All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders”)
  - 3) A coldness to younger brother types (v. 30 – “This son of yours”)
  - 4) A lack of assurance of the father’s love (v. 29 – “You never gave me . . .”)
  - 5) An unforgiving, judgmental spirit (v. 28 – “he refused to go in”)
- What we can do about this spiritual condition
  - 1) We need a true understanding of the Gospel
  - 2) We need to see the vulnerability of Jesus

## PRAYER REQUESTS

EVELYN WINEROTH	<i>Pray for healing</i>
MARTHA CROSBY	<i>Pray for healing from infection</i>
PAUL ISENHOWER	<i>Recently hospitalized for heart trouble</i>
JOANNE NOBILI	<i>Pray for healing of infection, upcoming cancer surgery &amp; Chemo</i>
DAVID JOLLIFF	<i>Pray for treatment of liver cancer</i>
NICOLE DEMOTT	<i>Pray for total recovery while in Teen Challenge Recovery</i>
ADAM HALL	<i>Pray for healing</i>
ARLENE SMITH	<i>Pray for health problems</i>
JANICE BLACKMORE	<i>Continued healing from broken ankle</i>
JOYCE NOBLE	<i>Prayer for Joyce's immune system</i>
TOM & SAMMIE	<i>Pray for health problems</i>
DEMOTT FAMILY	<i>Pray for God's guidance</i>

## WELCOME TO ESCALON PRESBYTERIAN

- ◆ Please sign the Attendance Booklet located at the end of each pew.
- ◆ We invite you to Join Us After Worship For Fellowship In *The Faith Center*.
- ◆ Visitors, Before You Leave, Please Pick Up A Welcome Packet
- ◆ Child care available during Worship for children up to six years old.
- ◆ Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Closed on Mondays.  
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### TODAY

<b>Sunday School</b>	9:00 am
<b>Morning Worship</b>	10:30 am
<b>Fellowship</b>	Following Worship / <i>Faith Center</i>
<b>College Age Class</b>	6:30 - 8:30 / <i>Nickerson's Home</i>

### THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	S.I.S. Bible Study 6:30 pm / <i>Fireside Room</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Session Meets 7:00 pm / <i>Fireside Room</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Youth Group 6:30 pm / <i>Youth Room</i> Choir Practice 6:30 pm / <i>Choir Room</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	Parenting Class 6:00 pm / <i>Faith Center</i> Deacons Meet 6:30 pm / <i>Fireside Room</i>
<b>Friday</b>	Mom's Time Out 9:30 am / <i>Faith Center</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	Men With a Mission 7:00 am / <i>Faith Center</i> Salvation Army Meal Preparation 11:00 am / <i>FC</i> EPC Hole In One Contest 10:00 am / <i>Escalon Golf Course</i> April Newsletter Deadline

### COMING UP

<b>March 21</b>	EPC Golf Tournament 2:00 pm / <i>Escalon Golf Course</i>
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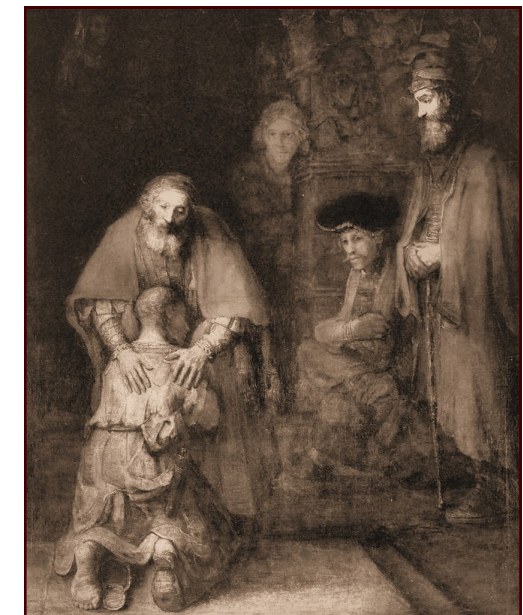
### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

<b>Ministers</b>	The Entire Congregation
<b>Pastor</b>	Troy J. Onsager
<b>Music Director</b>	Joel Adams
<b>Sound System</b>	Rick Guevara
<b>Greeters</b>	Margy Sawyer, Patti Farhat
<b>Welcome</b>	Jeff Hood
<b>Lay Leader</b>	Michelle Sandoval
<b>Organ</b>	Dr. David E. Jolliff
<b>Piano</b>	Tisha DeHaven
<b>Guitar</b>	Mark Macsenti, Tanner Roark
<b>Congas</b>	Troy Onsager
<b>Praise Team</b>	Sharie Roark, Greg Foulke
<b>Prayer Team</b>	Jeff Hood, Margy Sawyer
<b>Nursery</b>	Jason & Courtney, Andy, Spencer A., Jennifer
<b>Trustee</b>	Dave Hall
<b>Deacon</b>	Tom Love
<b>Fellowship</b>	Tom & Marsha Love
<b>Flowers</b>	Tom & Marsha Love

# ESCALON PRESBYTERIAN

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
MARCH 14, 2010

THE PRODIGAL GOD - PART THREE



HE REFUSED TO GO IN

“THE OLDER BROTHER BECAME ANGRY AND REFUSED TO GO IN. SO HIS FATHER WENT OUT AND PLEADED WITH HIM. BUT HE ANSWERED HIS FATHER, ‘LOOK! ALL THESE YEARS I’VE BEEN SLAVING FOR YOU AND NEVER DISOBEYED YOUR ORDERS.’”

LUKE 15: 28,29

## OUR MISSION

SEEK	<i>To bring others to faith in Jesus Christ</i>
SERVE	<i>In mission locally and around the world</i>
SUPPORT	<i>Personal growth through learning, teaching &amp; sharing God's word</i>
SUSTAIN	<i>A Christ-centered fellowship among our members, friends and community</i>

# WORSHIP SERVICE



**PRELUDE** LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS *Manz*

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT** WORSHIP THE LORD, REJOICE AND SING *Hopson*  
*Worship the Lord, rejoice and sing*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

♦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 103*

Leader: Praise the LORD my soul, all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

**All: Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits—who forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases...**

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him, He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust.

**All: As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear him... Praise the LORD, oh my soul.**

♦ **SONG** BETHOU MY VISION *B 339*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

♦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Psalm 101*

**Lord God, our hearts are guilty, we have been dishonest, we have looked on evil, we have clung to our selfish ways. We have talked about others behind their backs with haughty eyes and a proud heart. Lord, forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

♦ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *Psalm 51*

God in His goodness has mercy on us; washes us clean from our guilt and purifies us from our sin. God the righteous judge will remove our sins from us, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

♦ **SONG** BLESSED BE YOUR NAME *Redman*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness blessed be Your name

*Chorus*

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name

*Bridge x 2*

You give and take away You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name

♦ **SONG** ONCE AGAIN *Redman*

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice  
You became nothing, poured out to death  
Many times, I've wondered at Your gift of life  
And I'm in that place once again  
I'm in that place once again

*Chorus*

Once again I look upon the cross where You died  
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside  
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life

Now You are, exalted to the highest place  
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow  
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace  
And I'm full of praise once again  
I'm full of praise once again

*Bridge*

Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross my Friend

♦ **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Please share the peace of the Lord with one another.

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM** LOVING SHEPHERD OF THY SHEEP *Pooler*

*Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep Thy lamb, in safety keep*  
*Nothing can Thy power withstand, none can pluck me from Thy hand*

*Loving Savior, Thou didst give Thine own life that we might live*  
*And the hands outstretched to bless, bear the cruel nails' impress*

*I would bless Thee everyday, gladly all Thy will obey*  
*Like the blessed ones above, happy in Thy precious love*

*Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear*  
*Suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way*

*Where Thou leadest, I would go, walking in Thy steps below*  
*Till before my Father's throne, I shall know as I am know.*

*Loving Shepherd, bless thy lambs*

**OFFERTORY** ORIENTIS PARTIBUS *Markworth*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 15: 25 - 32 *Page 955*

**MESSAGE** HE REFUSED TO GO IN *Pastor Troy*  
The Prodigal God

♦ **SONG** THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY *W 68*

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader, than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal, is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at His word,  
And our lives would be all sunshine, in the sweetness of our Lord.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** BUILT ON THE ROCK *Hoelty-Nickel*