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LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE
Modern Parables: A Lenten Film Festival
March 16, 2022 – “Samaritan”: Luke 15:11-32
Pianist: Susan Leeper

Prelude

Welcome/Invocation

Hymn:

“Softly and Tenderly”

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1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

Prayer

Gracious God, we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us your will through parables. Open our eyes to see the ones we overlook and open our hearts to have compassion for those we would prefer to pass by. Help us to love others as you have loved us. **Amen.**

Parable Introduction

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.^a ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’²⁶ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’²⁷ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’²⁸ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’³⁰ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii,^b gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.”³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’³⁷ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Parable Film

Samaritan (13 min)

Reflection

- + Who are the people in need that you would be tempted to pass by? Why do you think you feel that way? Spend some time talking and listening to Jesus about that.
- + The injured man in the parable experienced love and mercy from an unexpected person. Can you think of a time when you received love and mercy from an unexpected person?
- + Are there any opportunities in your life right now where you could be the one who shows unexpected love and mercy? What’s holding you back?

Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

Benediction

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: I want Je - sus to walk with me;
me: in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
me: when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
me: when my heart is al - most break - ing,
me: when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns corresponding to the three verses. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

P: We've heard the teaching of Jesus. Let's go and live it!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude