

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Lent 4

March 30, 2025

... your relationship to God is simply not defined by your really bad decisions or your squandering of resources. But also your relationship to God is not determined by your virtue. It is not determined by being nice, or being good ... Your relationship to God is simply determined by the wastefully extravagant love of God. A God who takes no account of risk but runs toward you no matter what saying all that is mine is yours. — Nadia Bolz-Weber

## GATHERING

**Welcome**

**Centering music**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** *Ubi caritas et amor* **VT 773**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD - The Younger Son

**Scripture** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**The Poet's Word** *Departure of the Prodigal Son*  
by Rainer Maria Rilke

**Hymn** *Come Thou Fount* **VT 563**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD - The Father

**Scripture** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**The Poet's Word** *Beloved Is Where We Begin*  
by Jan Richardson

**Hymn** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* **VT 544**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD - The Elder Brother

**Scripture** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**The Poet's Word** *Blessing for Stretching Your Heart*  
by Kate Bowler & Jennifer Richie

**Hymn** *God, Give Me Time* **VT 144**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Sharing our lives and our prayers**

**Praying in the Way of Jesus**

**Offering**

## THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** *Could It Be That God Is Singing* **VT 42**

**Benediction**



Theodoor van Thulden after Sir Peter Paul Rubens, etching; National Gallery of Art; c. 1660

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