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**Reconciliation**

*Worship*  
*Port Williams United Baptist*  
*Church*  
*March 31, 2019*

# *The Worship of God*

## **Opening Meditation**

*“You keep using that word,  
I do not think it means what you think it means”*

The Princess Bride

### \* **Welcoming Each Other**

Rev. Dr. Don Flowers

### **Announcements**

### **Prelude**

Dr. Christianne Rushton

### **Invocation**

### \* **Hymn of Praise**      “Beneath the cross of Jesus”

**135**

### \* **Litany:**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away;**

**now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**AMEN!**

### **Scripture**

**Luke 15:11b-32**

Kimberly Porter

### **Litany of Confession**

I will get up and go back to my Father and say: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer fit to be called your child. Please make me one of your hired labourers.”

Let us return to our God, and make our confession. Let us pray.

Loving God, There is enough evil within us to dampen our confidence;

**Sometimes there is enough doubt in us to swamp our faith.**

Some days there is enough weariness in us swamp our hopefulness.

**There is enough apathy within us to smother our compassion.**

Yet, thankfully there is also enough hunger in us to keep us unhappy.  
**And enough discontent in us to make us return home to your love**

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.  
**Amen. Have mercy on me a sinner.**

*Moment of silence*

God of monumental patience and of prodigal mercy,  
forgive your people their numerous sins,  
have pity on our pride and folly,  
lead us to the fountain of your grace,  
and wash us thoroughly from all that defiles us.  
Through Christ Jesus our Redeemer.  
**Amen!**

### **Words of Assurance**

Jesus told us: *“Then the Father said: Bring quickly the best clothes for him, and put a signet ring on his finger and shoes on his feet, and kill the fattened calf, and let us eat and celebrate, for this my child was dead and is alive again, was lost and is found.”*

My friends, welcome back home. This fellow Jesus, and his remarkable household, welcomes sinners and even eats with the likes of us!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Ministry of Music** “Beneath the cross” Sanctuary Choir

\* **Children’s Hymn** “There’s a Wideness” **271 vs 1-2**

### **Children’s Moment**

\* **Children’s Hymn** “There’s a Wideness” **271 vs. 5**

\* **Hymn of Preparation** “O God, How We Have Wandered” **112**

**Scripture** **II Corinthians 5:16-21** Kimberly Porter

**Prayers of the People of God** Don Flowers

**Response** “What wondrous love is this” **147 vs. 1**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

**Sermon** **Misunderstood-Reconciliation** Don Flowers

\* **Hymn of Response** “Would you bless our homes” 556

**The Offering**

\* **Offertory** “Give thanks” 522

Give thanks, my soul, for labours, that strength and days employ; but know the Maker’s purpose brings toil as well as joy. Show forth, O God, your purpose; direct our will and hand to share your love and bounty with all in every land. AMEN.

\* **Benediction**

\* **Choral Benediction** “We shall go out” 586

*We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We’ll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we’ll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we’ll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.*

**Postlude and Quiet Reflection**