

*Preview for Service of Word and Sacrament*  
*August 31, 2025*  
*Liturgical Color: Green*  
*Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tiburon, California*

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**Call to Worship**

One: From our wanderings and wonderings,

**Many: we are welcomed home by God.**

One: When we feel lost, trapped, or alone,

**Many: we are reminded us that God is with us always.**

One: Come to be found,

**Many: for all are welcome here.**

**Community Prayer**

Loving God, we thank you for never losing hope in us. When we are lost, you find us, bringing us back to you. When we wander, you seek us out, reminding us of your presence. When we stray, you follow, never leaving us alone. Forgive us for those times we have gone astray. We know you are our shepherd and we are the sheep of your pasture. For this grace and mercy, we are ever grateful. Amen.

**Sermon Focus & Title**

Lost and Found: On the Road Series

Bethany Nelson

As we conclude our “On the Road” sermon series, we consider the many times in our journeys that we are lost. It’s likely more regularly than we would like! But, our scripture passages today remind us that we are never alone, even when lost. God is waiting to be found when we seek, and also ready to seek us out when we wander.

## Scripture Passages

### Jeremiah 29:11-14

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

### Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

## Hymns

When In Our Music God Is Glorified, No. 641

You Shall Go Out With Joy, No. 80

### Quote for Reflection, Discussion, and Prayer

Lost and found, unchained, unbound

No more second guessing, I know who I am

Now I'm on solid ground

And this love you've shown, like none I've known

All hope was gone, now I can see eternity

Since your amazing love has found me

~ Dolly Parton