

Irvington Presbyterian Church  
Vespers Service  
Wednesday, August 11, 2004  
7:30 PM

Call to Worship  
Psalm 107:4-9

Hymn 280 “Amazing Grace”

Scripture  
Luke 15:11-32

Reflections

Joys and Concerns

Communal Prayer

Hymn 432 “Song of Hope”

Benediction

Life is short; we have not much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. Therefore, be swift to love, make haste to be kind.



#### **Meditations**

From Philip Yancey's *What's So Amazing about Grace?*

“Jesus’ most memorable story, the Prodigal Son, ...ends with a banquet scene, featuring as its hero a good-for-nothing who has soiled the family reputation. Jesus’ point: those judged undesirable by everyone else are infinitely desirable to God, and when one of them turns to God, a party breaks out.”

From Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son*

“The story of the prodigal son is the story of a God who goes searching for me and who doesn't rest until he has found me. He urges and pleads. He begs me to stop clinging to the powers of death and to let myself be embraced by arms that will carry me to the place where I will find the life I most desire.”