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“Forgiveness is the Heart of God”

FORGIVEN TO FORGIVE

Gathering Music

Welcome & Greeting

When Israel escaped from Egypt –

*unbelievable things happened - the sea fled,
and the River Jordan turned back.*

The mountains seem to skip like rams, and the hills to frolic like little lambs.

*The whole earth was surely trembling
in the presence of God .*

Praise God who sets people free

in unexpected ways and sustains them through unexpected acts of grace.

*Liberating God, we worship you. We praise you for freeing your people of old from enslavement in
Egypt by opening up a new and unexpected future before them.*

*They experienced your grace and mercy in awesome and life-sustaining ways that must have been
like an impossible dream coming true.*

Through these acts you showed your compassion for the weak and powerless of this world.

*We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us when your love and compassion,
your mercy and grace was revealed in Jesus Christ.*

He delivered us from the bondage of evil and sin through his death on the cross.

The impossible once more became reality when love defeated evil once and for all.

*We pray that this time of worship will be a true offering of our wonder and praise that you should care
for us so deeply and so faithfully.*

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Songs of Praise

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerkson

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*Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.*

*One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.
(Repeat all)*

*One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God,
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.*

*Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come. Come. Come.*

Confessing Our Sin

God of mercy, God of grace, we acknowledge that yours is a love which freely gives without any strings attached.

An unconditional love.

Jesus tells us that those who wish to be his disciples are to place no limits, no conditions on their mercy or their love.

Forgiveness without limits.

Jesus indicates that when we refuse to forgive those in our debt, we hinder the gift of God's grace and forgiveness from entering our own lives

God of mercy, God of grace, we confess that we forget to love and serve you as we ought, as people made in your image and likeness.

Touch hardened hearts with your goodness, we pray, and remind us that forgiveness is one of the most precious gifts that we can offer one another.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Experiencing God's Grace - The Good News

We rejoice because of God's great gift of love to the world - Jesus Christ - who came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned.

Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Peace

Thought for the Day

Drama "Puppy in a Box"

Scripture Matthew 18:21-35

Children's Time

Message

Pastor Bill Peters

Song **There Is a Redeemer** # 217

Words and Music by Melody Green

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*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.*

*Chorus: Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

*Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.*

Chorus

*When I stand in Glory, I will see His face.
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.*

Chorus

And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Prayers of the Heart & The Lord's Prayer

We will sing this refrain once and then after each petition.

Lord, Listen to Your Children

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Statement of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing of Gifts

“Sanctuary” – Sung by the music team while the offering is gathered.

Holy Communion – Words of Distribution and Invitation

All who have gathered in Jesus’ name and believe in his “real presence” in the bread and wine are invited to commune.

We will commune by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) and use a “walk-thru” style for Communion – please come down the center aisle, receive the sacrament, and return to your seat by going to the left (north) side aisle.

Communion Songs

Bind Us Together

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*Bind us together, Lord;
Bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken.*

(repeat)

We Will Glorify

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Leon Olguin

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*We will glorify the King of Kings; We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of Lords, Who is the great I AM.*

*Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness; We will worship Him alone.*

*He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe; All praise to Him we give.*

*Hallelujah to the King of Kings; Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords; Who is the great I AM.*

Worthy, You Are Worthy

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*Worthy, You are worthy; King of Kings, Lord of Lords, You are worthy.
Worthy, You are worthy; king of kings, Lord of Lords, I worship You.*

*Holy, You are holy; King of Kings, Lord of Lords, You are holy.
Holy, You are holy; King of Kings, Lord of Lords, I worship You.*

*Jesus, You are Jesus; King of Kings, Lord of Lords, You are Jesus.
Jesus, You are Jesus; King of Kings, Lord of Lords, I worship You.*

Blessing

Sending Music

Shout to the Lord # 135

Darlene Zschech

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*My Jesus, my savior,
Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.*

*My comfort, my shelter;
Tower of refuge and strength:
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.*

*Shout to the Lord! All the Earth let us sing,
power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name!*

*I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.
Repeat*

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thank be to God

“FORGIVENESS – GOD’S WAY FOR GOD’S COMMUNITY.”