



“NO FAIR! THE MATH OF FORGIVENESS”

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Rev. Laura Hewett Becker

GATHERING/PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: (8:30 am) “To God Be the Glory” (UMH #98)
(11:00 am) “O Come to the Altar”

SONG OF PRAISE: (8:30 am) “God, How Can We Forgive” (FWS #2169)
(11:00 am) “Majesty”, “Mighty to Save”

CALL TO PRAYER: (8:30 am) “Jesus United by Thy Grace” (UMH #561)
(11:00 am) “As We’ve Received You”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.” ²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

SERMON: “No Fair! The Math of Forgiveness”

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHANGE THE WORLD: Leander UMC Benevolence Fund

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00 am) “Reign Above It All”

SONG OF COMMITMENT: (8:30 am) “Freely, Freely” (UMH #389)
(11:00 am) “Lift Your Head, Weary Sinner”

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

8:30 AM

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Fanny J Crosby
UMH #98

To God be the glory
Great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice

O Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory
Great things He has done

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice

O Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory
Great things He has done!

GOD, HOW CAN WE FORGIVE

Ruth Duck
FWS #2169

God, how can we forgive
When bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew,
Our trust reborn?

When human loving fails
And every hope is gone
Your love gives strength beyond our own
To face the dawn.

When we have missed the mark
And tears of anguish flow,
How can you still release our guilt
The debt we owe?

The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs
A priest who shares our human pain
Christ intercedes.

Who dares to throw the stone
To damn another's sin
When you, while knowing all our past
Forgive again?

No more we play the judge
For by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin
May we forgive.

JESUS UNITED BY THY GRACE

Charles Wesley
UMH #561

Jesus, united by Thy Grace,
And each to each endeared,
With confidence we seek Thy face,
And know our prayer is heard.

Help us to help each other, Lord
Each other's cross to bear
Let all their friendly aid afford
And feel each other's care

Touched by the loadstone of Thy love,
Let all our hearts agree,
And ever towards each other move,
And ever move towards Thee.

FREELY, FREELY

Carol Owens
#389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his love as he told me to.

He said "Freely, freely
You have received
Freely, freely give.

Go in my name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live"

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as he told me to.

He said "Freely, freely
You have received
Freely, freely give.

Go in my name
And because you believe
Others will know that I live"

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM

O COME TO THE ALTAR

Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Oh what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen
Oh what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

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O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Bear your cross
As you wait for the crown
Tell the world
Of the treasure you've found

MAJESTY

Martin Smith and Stuart Garrard

Here I am, humbled by your majesty
Covered by your grace so free
Here I am, knowing I'm a sinful man
Covered by the blood of the lamb

Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
Since You laid down Your life
The greatest sacrifice

Majesty, Majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed but alive in Your hands

Here I am humbled by the love that You give
Forgiven so that I can forgive
Here I stand
Knowing that I am Your design
Sanctified by glory and fire

Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
Since You laid down Your life
The greatest sacrifice
Majesty, Majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed but alive in Your hands

Majesty, Majesty
Forever I am changed by Your love
In the presence of Your Majesty
Majesty

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Rueben Morgan and Ben Fielding

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is Mighty to save
He is Mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is Mighty to save
He is Mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is Mighty to save
He is Mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Savior
You can move the mountains
You are Mighty to save
You are Mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
You rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

REIGN ABOVE IT ALL

Paul McClure, Hannah McClure, Jess Cates, Ethan Hulse

The reign of darkness now has ended
In the kingdom of light
In the kingdom of light
Forever under Your dominion
You're the King of my life
You're the King of my life

You reign above it all
You reign above it all
Over the universe
And over every heart
There is no higher name
Jesus You reign above it all

On the cross the work was finished
God You poured out Your life
Just to give us new life
Now from the lips of the forgiven
Hear an anthem arise
'Cause Jesus You're alive

You reign above it all
You reign above it all
Over the universe
And over every heart
There is no higher name
Jesus You reign above it all

Let all of heaven and the earth erupt in song
Sing hallelujah to the Everlasting One
There is no higher name
Jesus You reign above it all
You reign above it all

Let all of heaven and the earth erupt in song
Sing hallelujah to the Everlasting One
There is no higher name
Jesus You reign above it all
You reign above it all

You sent the darkness running
Out of an empty grave
Now seated alone in glory
Enthroned on the highest praise

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Out of an empty grave
Now seated alone in glory
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You reign above it all
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LIFT YOUR HEAD WEARY SINNER (CHAINS)

David Crowder, Ed Cash, and Seth Philpott

Lift your head weary sinner, the river's just ahead
Down the path of forgiveness, salvation's waiting there

You built a mighty fortress 10, 000 burdens high
Love is here to lift you up, here to lift you high

If you're lost and wandering
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory open wide

All who've strayed and walked away, unspeakable things you've
done
Fix your eyes on the mountain, let the past be dead and gone
Come all saints and sinners, you can't outrun God
Whatever you've done can't overcome the power of the blood

If you're lost and wandering
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory open wide

If you're lost and wrecked again
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory be open wide

Let the chains fall
Let the chains fall
Let the chains fall
Let the chains, the chains, the chains, the chains, the chains fall

If you're lost and wandering
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory open wide

If you're lost and wrecked again
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory be open wide

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