



Worship Moment

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Fairlawn-West
United Church of Christ
September 13, 2020

Welcome

Breaking Bread

Call to Worship

We praise God who rescues us when we fall!

We praise God who walks with us on all our journeys!

Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.

Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all.

Song of Celebration: Take Us to the River

Scripture: Matthew 18.21-35 (CEB)

Scripture Reflection

Song of Shalom: Oh How Good It Is

Cup of Blessing

Lord, we know that forgiveness means wiping the slate clean, not retaining the hurt.

Help us make decisions that lead to healing and forgiving.

Remind us that compassion must rule in our lives if we are to faithfully follow you.

We seek your healing mercies and tender love for the people and situations that are on our hearts.

Keep before us the living reality of your mercy and love for us, though we falter and fail,
though we seek and strive. Be with us, gracious Lord, all of our days. Amen.

Commission

Go forth into the world and be of good courage.

Hold fast to that which is good,

render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted,

support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people.

Love and serve God rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

And may the peace of God, which is beyond our understanding,

keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus who is Lord of all.

Invitations

*Zoom meetings *Preschool: great start; continue prayer

*Family Promise *Vote *Congregational meeting final count

*Next in-person outdoor worship, September 27 *Tithe or offering

Take Us to the River

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Take us to the river - take us there in unity to sing
A song of Your salvation - to win this generation for our King
A song of Your forgiveness - for it is with grace that river flows
Take us to the river in the city of our God

Take us to Your throne room - give us ears to hear the cry of heaven
For that cry is mercy - mercy to the fallen sons of men
Mercy it has triumphed - triumphed over judgement with Your love
Take us to the throne room in the city of our God

Chorus:

For the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon us
This is the year of the Lord
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This is the year of the Lord

Take us to the mountain - lift us in the shadow of Your hand
Is this Your mighty angel - who stands astride the ocean and the land
In His hand Your mercy - showers on the dry and barren ground
Take us to the mountain in the city of our God

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Matthew 18.21-35 (CEB)

21 Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?”

22 Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.

23 Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. **24** When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. **25** Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. **26** But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’

27 The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan.

28 “When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’

29 “Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ **30** But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

31 “When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended.

They came and told their master all that happened. **32** His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me.

33 Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’

34 His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

35 “My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Oh How Good It Is

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Oh how good it is when the family of God
Comes together in spirit, in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

Chorus:

So with one voice we’ll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we’ll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

Chorus

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another - forgive as He forgives
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

Chorus x2