

(10:55am) Prelude

(11:00am) Welcome and Announcements

✦ Call to Worship: Psalm 44:1-8

<sup>1</sup> We have heard with our ears, O God, our ancestors have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

<sup>2</sup> **you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted; you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free;**

<sup>3</sup> for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm give them victory; but your right hand, and your arm, and the light of your countenance, for you delighted in them.

<sup>4</sup> **You are my King and my God; you command victories for Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> Through you we push down our foes; through your name we tread down our assailants.

<sup>6</sup> **For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.**

<sup>7</sup> But you have saved us from our foes, and have put to confusion those who hate us.

<sup>8</sup> **In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever.**

Children's Time

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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✦ Doxology No. 95

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35 <sup>21</sup>Then 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?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, 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. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But 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.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon

Bound & Loosed: "The Math of Forgiveness"

Rev. Dane Womack

✠ Affirmation of Faith No. 881 The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

✠ Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

UMH No. #390 "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive" (Rosamond Eleanor Herklots)

**Verse 1** Forgive our sins as we forgive You taught us Lord to pray But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say

**Verse 2** How can Your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart

**Verse 3** In blazing light Your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew How small the debts men owe to us How great our debt to You

**Verse 4** Lord cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease Then reconciled to God and man Our lives will spread Your peace

✠ Benediction

Postlude