

PARAGOULD FUMC | SEPT 13, 2020 | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 9AM SERVICE

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Opening Song: "Wonder" (Joel Houston, Matt Crocker)

Verse 1 Have you ever seen the wonder In the glimmer of first sight As the eyes begin to open And the blindness meets the light If you have so say

Chorus 1 I see the world in light I see the world in wonder I see the world in life Bursting in living colour I see the world Your way And I'm walking in the light

Verse 2 Have you ever seen the wonder In the air of second life Having come out of the waters With the old one left behind If you have so say

Chorus 1

Chorus 2 I see the world in grace I see the world in gospel I see the world Your way And I'm walking in the light I'm walking in the wonder You're the wonder in the wild Turning wilderness to wonder If You have so say (Ooh I'll say)

Chorus 3 I see the world in love I see the world in freedom I see the Jesus way You're the wonder in the wild

Chorus 4 I see the world Your way And I'm not afraid to follow I see the world Your way And I'm not ashamed to say so I see the Jesus way And I'm walking in the light

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Chorus 3

I see the world in light I see the world in wonder I see the world in light Bursting in living color I see the world Your way I see the world in wonder I see the world in life Bursting in living color

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Call to Worship: Psalm 44:1-8

¹ 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:

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

³ 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.

⁴ **You are my King and my God; you command victories for Jacob.**

⁵ Through you we push down our foes; through your name we tread down our assailants.

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

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

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

Children's Time

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35 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

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.

Closing Song: "Forgiveness" (Matthew West)

Verse 1 It's the hardest thing to give away
And the last thing on your mind today
It always goes to those who don't deserve
It's the opposite of how you feel
When the pain they caused is just too real
It takes everything you have to say the word
Forgiveness forgiveness

Verse 2 It flies in the face of all your pride
It moves away the mad inside
It's always anger's own worst enemy
Even when the jury and the judge
Say you've got a right to hold a grudge
It's the whisper in your ear
sayin' set it free
Forgiveness forgiveness
Forgiveness forgiveness

Chorus 1 Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach the unreachable
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness forgiveness
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness

Verse 3 It'll clear the bitterness away
It can even set a prisoner free
There is no end to what its power can do
So let it go and be amazed
By what you see through eyes of grace
The prisoner that it really frees is you
Forgiveness forgiveness
Oh forgiveness forgiveness

Chorus 2 Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach the unreachable
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness I want to finally set if free
Show me how to see what Your mercy sees
Help me now to give what You gave to me
Forgiveness oh forgiveness

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.