

Order of the Worship Service
Sunday, September 25, 2022, 10:00am
Beau Smith, preaching

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life

Call to Worship

One: God of Gods, we come to worship today to hear Your Good News,

All: to hear of our redemption, which is the forgiveness of sins.

One: We come to hear of love that forgives everything,

All: and to celebrate the one who loved us by giving himself for our sake.

One: We know that doubt, fear and un-forgiveness can shake even the strongest.

All: So Lord, open our ears to hear Good News; help us to live into Your forgiveness; equip us to release those we hold hostage when we refuse to forgive them. Amen.

Opening Hymn 152

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Prayer of Confession (in Unison)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unwavering love; according to Your abundant forgiveness remove our offenses.

We know our sin all too well. It is painful for us and offensive to You.

We often point out the faults of another to cover over our own.

We too often hold people hostage in our mind and only create a prison for ourselves.

Wash over us and cleanse us.

For we see our sin as always before us.

Equip us for living the life of the forgiven. Help us to forgive others as we have been forgiven. In the powerful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus, Amen.

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is lost on us. But when we are real with ourselves and confess our sins, God is always faithful and just and forgives us. In Jesus name, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Moment for Children

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation 281

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Creativity for Spirituality—The Stories Jesus Told: Unforgiveness

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn 372

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Blessing