



...how often should  
I forgive?  
"Not **SEVEN** times,  
but, I tell you,  
**SEVENTY-  
SEVEN**  
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWTON

15th Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 AM September 13, 2020

*As we worship together while physically apart,  
may we celebrate the unity and the connections  
that are ours through the gift of God's Holy Spirit!*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### MUSIC TO LEAD US INTO WORSHIP

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, bless the Lord,

People: **bless God's holy name.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: **so great is God's steadfast love for us.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### HYMN PH #446

### *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

verses 1, 2

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY (in Unison)

God, our source and our salvation, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and in the world to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 103:1-13

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: **who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Leader: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that  
your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: **The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

Leader: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

People: **The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

People: **He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People: **as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

All: **As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion  
for those who fear him.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "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."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT

HYMN PH #358

*“Help Us Accept Each Other”*

verses 1,3

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
We are our selves accepted and meant to love and live.*

*Let Your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
In living situations to do the truth in love;  
To practice Your acceptance until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness and laughter’s healing art.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A MINUTE FOR MISSION FOR THE ANNUAL PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING  
SECOND SUNDAY BUCKET BRIGADE AND THE OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**SUNG RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING PH #591**

*“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.”*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

When you hear the words, “Merciful God” please respond with **“Hear our Prayer.”**

## 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 is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

2184 Sent Out in Jesus' Name  
(Enviado Soy de Dios)

Sent out in Je-sus' name, our hands are rea-dy now to  
*En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa - ra*

make the earth the place in which the king-dom comes.  
*cons - tru - ir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal.*

The an-gels can-not change a world of hurt and pain in -  
*Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un*

to a world of love, of jus-tice and of peace. The  
*mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do de paz. Me*

task is ours to do, to set it real - ly free. O  
*ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad; a -*

help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.  
*yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.*

MUSIC AS WE CONTINUE THIS JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

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**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED. OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**  
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## **E-Giving - *It makes giving easy!***



**E-Giving** is a convenient way to support our ministries. Here's how:

Scan the QR Code to make a donation through your smart phone. **OR**

Go to the church website, [fpcnewtonnj.org](http://fpcnewtonnj.org) and click on the **E-donate** button and sign up using your email and a password. You can make a one-time donation or sign up for automatic recurring donations.

**More comfortable using a check?** No problem, we are checking the mail on a regular basis during the office closure.

***As Always, we thank you for your generosity and support!***

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**Virtual Congregational Life at  
First Presbyterian Church  
September 13, 2020**

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCifje87megV4T0c-tJ0hSjA>

**New to Zoom?** There is a brief Zoom tutorial video called “Using Zoom” on our church YouTube channel. Click on web address above, (subscribe!) then, click on “Using Zoom” to view the video. Chromebooks and other "Tablets" may require you to download a Zoom app that is specific to them. Others should not have to add this step in the process.

Sun. 9/13 **10:30 am Worship! (Or at whatever time works best for you & your family)**

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Log in information: Topic - Punch on YOUR Patio for fpcnewtonnj

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86810439616?pwd=WIV4VzdHR0J5RmRySDdpYloxSzRtUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 1043 9616

Or: If you have trouble getting online you may also dial into the meeting:

Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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**6:30 pm Sunday Evening Adult Study Zoom Meeting**

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86042904750>

Meeting ID: 860 4290 4750

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Mon. 9/14 **10:00 am Wired Word via Zoom Conference Calling**

Here is the Log in information for Wired Word:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88085103384>

Meeting ID: 880 8510 3384

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