



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 13, 2020 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Rev. Sandra Hedrick

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Prelude	Celebration Hymnal #349	"Oh How He Loves You and Me"
O how he loves you and me!		Jesus to Calv'ry did go;
O how he loves you and me!		his love for sinners to show.
He gave his life;		What he did there
what more could he give?		bro't hope from despair.
O how he loves you;		O how he loves you;
O how he loves me;		O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!		O how he love you and me!
Call to Worship (from Ex. 15:2; Matt. 18:35)		Rev. Sandra Hedrick
One: Praise the Lord! Many: It is God who saves. One: It is God who forgives.		Many: It is God who delivers! All: Let us worship God!
Gathering Prayer		Kristie Hall
Call to Confession (from Ps. 103:13)		Kristie Hall

One: As loving parents have compassion for their children, God has compassion for us. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sins.

Many: Gracious and loving God,	Lord, in your mercy,		
you have lived for us,	hear us and help us.		
but we have not lived for you.	Help us to forgive,		
You have forgiven us,	help us to live for you,		
but we have not forgiven others.	and help us to love,		
You have loved us,	through Christ, our Lord.		
but we have not loved ourselves;	One: Please continue in silent		
nor have we loved one another.	confession.		

We Are Forgiven! (from Ps. 103:8)

Kristie Hall

One: Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Many: Thank you Lord! Amen!

Welcome

<u>Word</u>

A Time for Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35 Rev. Sandra Hedrick

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?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 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. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

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.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 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. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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Exodus 14:19-22

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Message

"Forgiveness"

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Apostles' Creed

Affirmation of Faith

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers and Offering

Prayers of the People/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.

Invitation to Offering/Ministry Announcements

Financial Giving - Thank you for blessing this ministry through your tithes and offerings. Our online giving portal can be accessed <u>here</u>.

Current Sermon Series - Christianity is a way of life and a road to be traveled. This series explores ten mighty markers along "the way" by weaving together two stories of deliverance: Exodus and the cross. To see the theme and scriptures for the entire series, please click <u>here</u>.

Nominating Suggestions for Elder Class of 2023 - All are invited to contact Tim Spaid (Chair of the Nominating Committee) with suggested names of Kirkwood members for possible nomination to our upcoming class of elders for the session. Cell: 904.237.0913, email: <u>spaidfour@att.net.</u> Thank you!

Presbyterian Women Monthly Meeting – The Presbyterian Women will be meeting tomorrow, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the kitchen.

Avid Knitters! We're starting up the Knitting Club again! Our next meeting will be Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the church kitchen! Call or text Kathy Stanley at 904.302.9030 if you plan to attend. See you soon!

Annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Patch - Are you looking for something to keep you connected to your church family or to others in the community? Are you looking for ways to serve the church either in person or from home? Do want to be a part of something fun and exciting? If you answered "YES!" to any of these questions then we invite you to be a part of the Fall Festival Committee! We are moving forward with our Annual Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival activities at the church and we need your help! Call or text Kristie Hall at 904.728.4316 and let her know you are willing to lend a helping hand. We would love any help you are willing to offer!

Sending

Charge and Blessing

One: Go in the confidence that God will guide your feet. **Many: We will go in peace, practice forgiveness, and live for the Lord.** One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude	Celebration Hymnal #338 v.1 & 2	"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"
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Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin. How shall my tongue describe it? Where shall its praise begin? Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free; for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain: Wonderful the matchless grace, the matchless grace of Jesus; Deeper than the mighty rolling sea, the rolling sea. Wonderful grace, all sufficient for me, for even me. Broader than the scope of my transgressions; greater far than all my sin and shame. O magnify the precious name of Jesus; Praise his name!

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Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost. By it I have been pardoned, saved to the utter most. Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty; for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. *(Refrain)*

Worship Notes: Thank you to Damon Martin for the hymn arrangement! Song credits: "Oh How He Loves You and Me" - Kurt Kaiser © 1975 Curb Word Music, CCLI License #11509317; "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" - Haldor Lillenas, Public Domain.



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