

An Order of Worship for Sunday, September 13th, 2020

Welcome/Announcements

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.**

***Greeting**

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable!

***Song of Praise**

"O How I Love Jesus"

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!
2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!
3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

***Opening Prayer**

**O God, because without you we are not able to please you,
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct
and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayers of the People/Confession, Pardon and Peace

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

(all pray in private personal confession)

Hear the good news. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

Preparation to Hear the Word "Forgive our Sins as We Forgive"

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.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew; what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

***Scripture:**

Matthew 18:21-35 ²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Message

The Measure of Forgiveness

Pastor David King

Song of Response

Freely, Freely

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to. He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."
2. All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to. He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

***Benediction**

***Trees of the Field**

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
The trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands and you'll go out with joy.
(repeat)**

* (please stand as you are able)