

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Aug 29, 2021 - 10 am

## Clips from *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

Prelude

*Psalm of Glory*

~ Dorothy Wells

Patty Hutton

Welcome

Presentation of the Man of the Year

**\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

L: We are people of God's awesome love.

**P: We're here to love others, as we have been loved.**

L: We are people of God's justice and mercy.

**P: We're here to forgive others, as we have been forgiven.**

L: We are people of God's music.

**P: We're here to sing and dance to God's glory.**

L: Praise the Lord!

**P: Praise the Lord!**

**\*Opening Song**

*"Forgiveness"*

~ Matthew West

**NS Chapel Praise Band**

**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

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## 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

## Tag

Forgiveness forgiveness; Forgiveness

## Opening Prayer<sup>2</sup> (*unison*)

Loving God, welcome us into your house of worship. Help us to know your acceptance and your grace as we worship you. Fill us with your grace and mercy, that others may find us to be generous and loving friends. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

## A Message for Young Disciples

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Blessing Our Teachers, Administrators, Nurses, Bus Drivers**

## Proclamation and Response

## Cue Entrance Music - "Trolley"

## New Testament Reading

*Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)*

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

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“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**Message**

*Life in God’s Neighborhood: Forgiving is Hard*

Pat Botelle, CLM

**Prayers of the People**

**Joys and Concerns**

**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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

**Patty Hutton**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Sending Forth**

**Announcements**

**Parlor chat – Sunday September 5**

**Excitement Sunday – September 12 (2 slides)**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

UMH #560

Fred Kaan | John Ness Beck

**Verse 1**

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 ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

**Verse 2**

Teach us O Lord Your lessons as in our daily life  
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people for all - not just for some,  
To love them as we find them or as they may become.

**Verse 3**

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.

**Verse 4**

Lord for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and for bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord free us make us one

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Gloria from Twelfth Mass*

~ Mozart