

Sunday Worship
September 13, 2026 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Forgiveness

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Loure" JS Bach

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Chris Shope

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 103 Leader

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits

Leader: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

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

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

***Opening Hymn** "He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS #2270

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by Patti Early Leader
Merciful and loving God, thank you for this day and this time we have together to worship you through our prayers, our hymns, in your Holy Word, and the messages you have prepared for us. Clear our minds and hearts of whatever keeps us from being in your presence and help us grasp just how radically merciful you are. Like Joseph's brothers, we carry the burden of actions that have caused pain to others and the burden of sin against you. Help us to bring these burdens to the foot of the cross and to humbly accept the forgiveness that you offer through your unconditional love for us. Help us, Lord, to forgive others in this same way offering the love of Christ without limit or conditions. We praise you for your sending our Savior Jesus Christ as the perfect model, in whose name we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Worship the Lord with Gladness" Hal Wright

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Genesis 50:15–21](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Reading:** [Matthew 18:21–35](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Message God is in Control Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "O, How I Love Jesus" UMH #170

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

Leader: For the Lost

People: Merciful God, we entrust into your eternal care all who perished on that terrible day. Wrap your loving arms around the families who still carry the heavy ache of absence.

Leader: For the Rescuers

People: We give thanks for the courage of firefighters, police, medical crews, and ordinary heroes who risked everything to save others.

Leader: For the Nation

People: Twenty-five years later, heal the lingering scars in our communities. Help us turn painful memories into a strong resolution to stand against hatred with love.

Leader: For the Future

People: Make us instruments of your peace, light in times of darkness, and builders of a world grounded in reconciliation, forgiveness, love and hope. We ask these in your precious name, Amen.

***Doxology**

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

by Patti Schif

Dear Lord, let my treasures, my gifts, and my life be used by you to bring peace in this broken world. I place my hand in yours. Teach me to forgive. Teach me forgiveness. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn**

"Grace Alone"

TFWS #2162

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

"Sanctuary"
(repeat 2 times)

TFWS #2164

Postlude

Join us at the Ice-Cream Truck!

Coming Up:

September 20th. - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE ([Matthew 20:1-16](#)) learning about God's Economy; "the last will be first, and the first will be last" - Come join us for pay-day!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



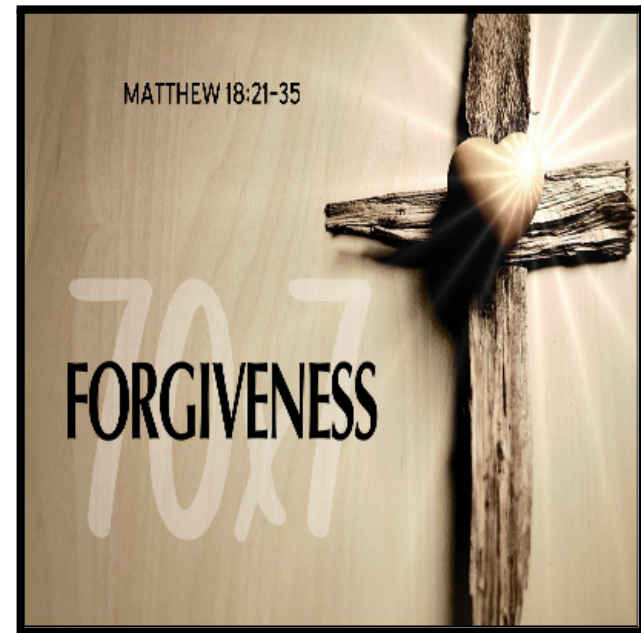
[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



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Worship Livestream Zoom link:



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