

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Sermon

What is Forgiveness?

The Rev. Peter Larson

WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn

Hymn 262

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains
he took his seat above:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
to Christ the Lord are given:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Benediction

The Rev. Peter Larson

Postlude

O Praise Ye the Lord C. Hubert H. Parry

Sohee Lee



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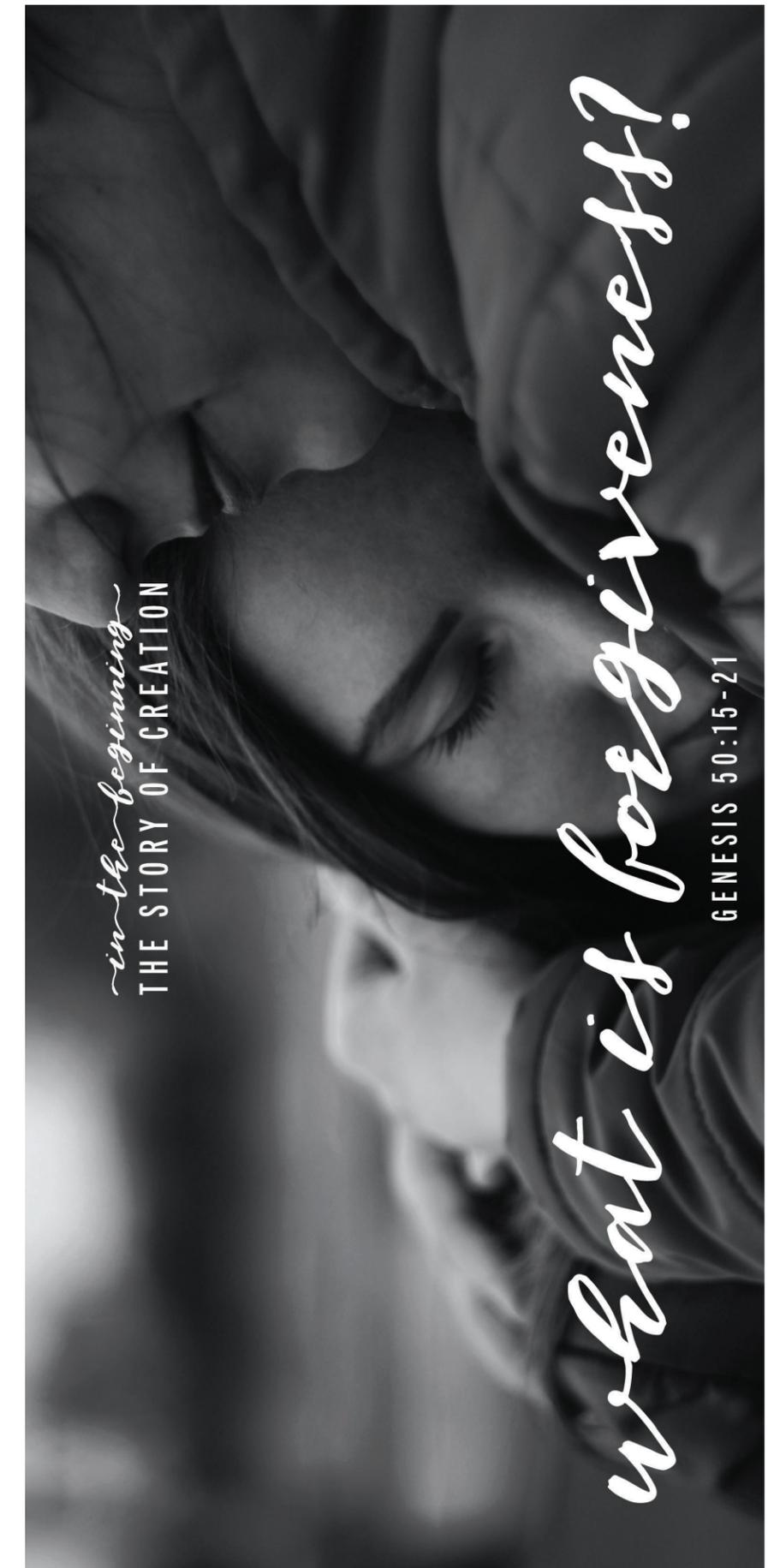
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Sunday, August 15, 2021

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Peter Larson

Prelude Sohee Lee

Come, O Sinners, Poor and Needy David Cherwien

*Call to Worship (Psalm 130) The Rev. Peter Larson

North: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord.

South: Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

North: If you, Lord, kept a secret record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

South: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence serve you.

North: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

South: I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

All: Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

*Opening Hymn

All Glory Be to God on High Hymn 8

All glory be to God on high
and thanks to him forever!
Whatever Satan's host may try,
God foils their dark endeavor.
He bends his ear to every call
and offers peace, good will to all,
and calms the troubled spirit.

O Father, for your lordship true
we give you praise and honor;
we worship you, we trust in you,
we give you thanks forever.
Your will is perfect, and your might
relentlessly confirms the right;
your lordship is our blessing.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, creation's author,
redeemer of your wandering ones,
and source of all true pleasure:
O Lamb of God, O Lord divine,
conform our lives to your design,
and on us all have mercy.

O Holy Spirit, perfect gift,
who brings us consolation:
to men and women saved by Christ
assure your inspiration.
Through sickness, need, and bitter death,
grant us your warm, life-giving breath;
our lives are in your keeping.

WE PRAY

Prayer of Confession The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz

Gracious heavenly Father, you command us to forgive, as we have been forgiven. And yet, we have not obeyed your command. When we are offended, we respond with anger. When we are wronged, we demand justice. When we are treated unfairly, we seek revenge. Instead of forgiving, we burn with resentment. Instead of loving, we hold a grudge. Lord, you have warned us that if we do not forgive, we will not be forgiven. If we are not merciful, we will not receive mercy. If we have anything against our brother or sister, our worship is meaningless. Lord, forgive us. By your Spirit, lead us to the cross. Make us aware of how much we have been forgiven. Give us grace, that we will forgive freely and sincerely from the heart. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response *Give Me Jesus*

In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Prayers of the People Amy Schneider

WE GIVE BACK TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication Cindy Jaynes 8:30
Dan Crago 10:00

Offertory Sohee Lee
Amazing Grace arr. David Cherwien

WE HEAR THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Nina Dorsch 8:30
Jan Watsell 10:00
Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ 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?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times,

but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ "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. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ "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.
People: Thanks be to God.

Children are Dismissed 8:30 service only
Preschool - 2nd grade dismissed to Children's Church-Room 301 and will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn.

*Hymn Hymn 557

Open My Eyes, That I May See
Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!