



LA JOLLA  
UNITED METHODIST

We Believe  
Forgiveness  
of Sins

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Prelude

*Prelude in D*

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### Introit

*Your Word Have I Hid in My Heart*

Arr. Donald Moore  
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### Welcome

### † Opening Hymn

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

UMH 390

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.

### Blessing for Children

### Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.  
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

### Pastoral Prayer

### 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.

## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Scriptures

Romans 12-19 (CEB)

Just as through one human being sin came into the world, and death came through sin, so death has come to everyone, since everyone has sinned. Although sin was in the world, since there was no Law, it wasn't taken into account until the Law came. But death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over those who didn't sin in the same way Adam did—Adam was a type of the one who was coming.

But the free gift of Christ isn't like Adam's failure. If many people died through what one person did wrong, God's grace is multiplied even more for many people with the gift—of the one person Jesus Christ—that comes through grace. The gift isn't like the consequences of one person's sin. The judgment that came from one person's sin led to punishment, but the free gift that came out of many failures led to the verdict of acquittal. If death ruled because of one person's failure, those who receive the multiplied grace and the gift of righteousness will even more certainly rule in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

So now the righteous requirements necessary for life are met for everyone through the righteous act of one person, just as judgment fell on everyone through the failure of one person. Many people were made righteous through the obedience of one person, just as many people were made sinners through the disobedience of one person.

Matthew 5:38-48 (CEB)

“You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you that you must not oppose those who want to hurt you. If people slap you on your right cheek, you must turn the left cheek to them as well. When they wish to haul you to court and take your shirt, let them have your coat too. When they force you to go one mile, go with them two. Give to those who ask, and don't refuse those who wish to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, *You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.

## Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Anthem*

*A Clean Heart*

Benjamin Harlan  
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**Message**

*We Believe: The Forgiveness of Sins*

Rev. Tara Limbaugh

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Response in the World**

**Invitation to the Offering  
Offertory**

*Offertory in G*

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† **Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

† **Affirmation of Faith**

One: We believe!

**All: in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

One: We believe!

**All: in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

One: We believe!

**All: in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

One: We believe!

**All: We believe! Amen.**

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† **Closing Hymn**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

UMH 560

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.

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.

3. Let your acceptance change us,  
that we may be moved  
in living so 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.

4. Lord, for today's encounters  
with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance,  
for righteousness and 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**

*Postlude in F*

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