

POINT PLEASANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sermon: “To Forgive -- Is to Set the Prisoner Free and then to Discover that . . . the Prisoner is You”

Serving in Today's Service

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Welcome & Announcements

Entry of the Light of Christ

Opening Song: “God You're So Good”

Amazing love, that welcomes me
The kindness of mercy
That bought with blood, wholeheartedly
My soul undeserving

Chorus:
God, You're so good
God, You're so good
God, You're so good
You're so good to me

Behold the cross, age to age
And hour by hour
The dead are raised, the sinner saved
The work of Your power **Chorus**

Bridge (2x): *I am blessed, I am called. I am healed, I am whole
I am saved in Jesus' name Highly favored, anointed
Filled with Your power For the glory of Jesus' name*

And should this life, bring suffering
Lord, I will remember
What Calvary, has bought for me
Both now and forever **Chorus**

Call to Worship {Matthew 5:43-44}

One: Jesus said: "You have heard that it was said,

Many: 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy'

One: But I say to you,

Many: 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

All: So that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

Hymn: **"Help Us Accept Each Other"** *Hymn #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,
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.**

**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!**

Children's Time & Introduction of Children's Craft & Activities Sonia & Thi Samelson
{Please pick up your Children's Activity Pack in the box on the Turquoise Table in front of the Ministry Center}

Scriptures:

The Story of Jonah (Jonah Chapters 1-4)

Matthew 18:21-35 Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired

about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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Forgiveness and the Way of Jesus
Lewis Smedes

1. Acknowledge that you have been seriously hurt.
2. Surrender your right to get even.
3. Search for the real person beneath the evil mask.
4. Desire that good things would happen to your wrongdoer.
5. If possible, enjoy the healed relationship.



"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you."

Lewis B. Smedes

Goalcast

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

"O Come to the Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus: **O come to the altar**
 The Father's arms are open wide
 Forgiveness was bought with
 The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling **Chorus**

Bridge (2X): Oh what a Savior Isn't He wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all Sing alleluia, Christ is risen

***Benediction**

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