



SOTC Worship  
 Marks of Discipleship - Living Forgiveness  
 September 17, 2023  
 Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

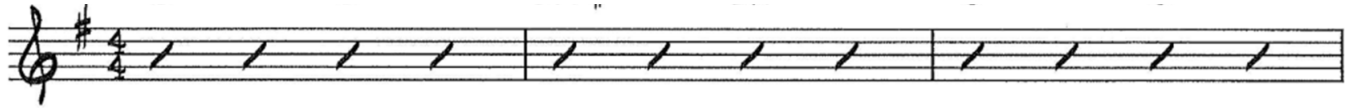
————— **GATHERING** —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

TEN THOUSAND REASONS



*CHORUS:*

*Dsus D mP C G D/F# Em*

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, O MY SOUL;

*C G Dsus D C Em*

WORSHIP HIS HO - LY NAME. SING LIKE NEV - ER BE-FORE,

*C D Em C D C/G G*

O MY SOUL; I'LL WORSHIP YOUR HO - LY NAME.

VERSE 1:

1. THE SUN COMES UP, IT'S A NEW DAY DAWN - ING,  
 IT'S TIME TO SING YOUR SONG \_ A - GAIN. \_ WHAT - EV - ER MAY \_ PASS, AND WHAT -  
 EV - ER LIES BE - FORE \_ ME, LET ME BE SING - ING WHEN THE EVE - NING  
 COMES.

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger; your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing your praise unending. Ten thousand years and the forevermore!

Chorus

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy, we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Your sin is forgiven. Live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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### WORD

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#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.*

READINGS: GENESIS 50:15-21; PSALM 103:1-13; ROMANS 14:1-12

*In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Liturgy Packet

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

*The Gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

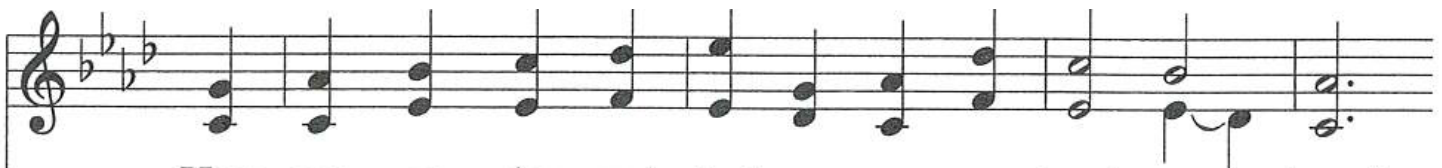
SERMON

HYMN

GOD, HOW CAN WE FORGIVE



1. God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?
2. When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,
3. Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,



How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?  
how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?  
when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?



When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,  
The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.  
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.



your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.  
A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.  
As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

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**MEAL**

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OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

See Liturgy Packet

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.*

LAMB OF GOD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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## SENDING

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BLESSING

SENDING SONG

GO MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

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**Thanks be to God!**

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