

SUNDAY SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

PRELUDE "Sing a New Song" -arr. D. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

All: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

One: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

All: And I will give you rest."

One: We come in the presence of God's Spirit, resting from our labors,

All: Let us worship God this day!

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103

Matthew 18:21-35

MESSAGE

MUSICAL REFLECTION "Help Us Accept Each Other" -J. N. Beck

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "How Majestic Is Your Name" -arr. P. Bettcher

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is
renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our
iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his
steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for
his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows
how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. As for mortals, their
days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes
over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love
of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his
righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and
remember to do his commandments. The LORD has established his throne in
the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.

Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul