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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The Lord's Prayer: The Unforgiven

"As we forgive those who sin against us."

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance! We pray God's blessing upon you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & OPENING PRAYER

Morning Mist

by Combs

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come to this time of worship to hear the Word.

P: Come to do the Word.

L: Come to experience Comfort.

P: Come to experience Challenge.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: Come to find Cost.

P: Come to find Joy.

L: Come to find Humanity.

P: Come to find Community.

L: Come to find Church.

P: Come to find God.

L: As we gather together in this time of worship, we acknowledge we are a forgiven people.

P: May we, like God, be generous in offering forgiveness to others.

L: God forgives each of us, everyday for the many ways we fall short.

P: May we embody God's grace, God's love, God's mercy and God's forgiveness to all those we encounter this day.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2169** (FWS, see p. 4)

God, How Can We Forgive?

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

ALL: Forgive us, Gracious God, for the limitations we have placed on our graciousness toward others. We often treat others well only if there is something in it for us. We apologize, but only if we see no alternative. We justify our grudges when others have hurt us. We remember offenses that we should have long ago forgotten. We are far too comfortable with brokenness when we should be reaching out with healing. We expect you to forgive us when we find it hard to do the same for others. Grant us your pardon, O God, and equip us to share your graciousness with others. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2162 (FWS, v. 2, see p. 5)

*Grace Alone*⁴

ALL SING: Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7: 1-5
Matthew 18: 21-35

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 2171 (FWS, see p. 6)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER⁶

ALL: O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, Yet free us from not being in the Present. From you arises every Vision, Power, and Song from gathering to gathering. Amen - May our future actions grow from here!

(8:00 AM) JUBILATION ANTHEM *Help Us Accept Each Other* by Beck
(10:30 AM) SPECIAL MUSIC (played by Sam Neff) *Kumbayah* Traditional

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sojourn of Silence

by Combs

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2185 (FWS, see p. 7) *For One Great Peace*

ALL SING: This thread I weave, this step I dance, this stone I carve,
this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this pearl I string, this flag I wave,
this note I sing.

This pot I shape, this fire I light, this fence I leap, this bone I knit,
this seed I nurse, this rift I mend, this child I raise, this earth I tend.

This check I write, this march I join, this faith I state, this truth I sign,
this is small part, in one small place, of one heart's beat for one great
Peace.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 388 (black hymnal)

Help Us Accept Each Other

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Sonata in D Major

by Scarlatti

God, How Can We Forgive

Grand Piano



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

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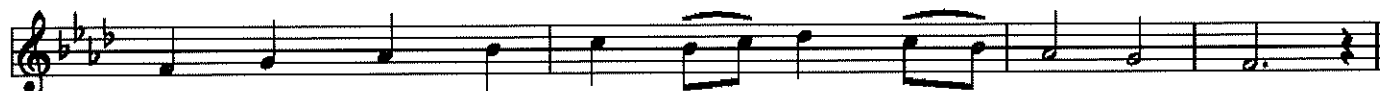
torn? How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born? When
flow, how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe? The
sin, when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain? No

10



hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone, your
o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs. A
more we play the judge, for by your grace we live. As

14



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


*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Grace Alone

Grand Piano 


Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we hope to teach,

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ev - ery - where we share his peace is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing word we say,

11



ev - ery tear we wipe a - way, ev - ery sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by his grace. Grace a -

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- lone which God sup - plies, strength unknown he will pro - vide. Christ in us, our Cor - ner -

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- stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

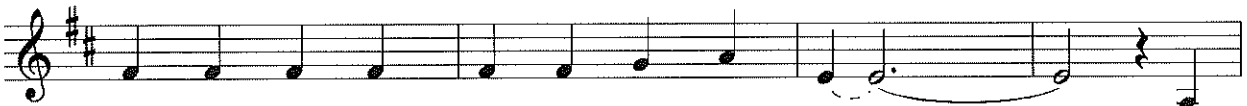
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Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And
there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -



soled as to con - sole. To be un - der - stood as to un - der -



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.


For One Great Peace

Piano 

1. This thread I weave, this step I dance, this
2. This pot I shape, this fire I light, this
3. This check I write, this march I join, this

4 

stone I carve, this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this
fence I leap, this bone I knit, this seed I nurse, this
faith I state, this truth I sign, this is small part, in

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pearl I str-i-ng, this flag I wave, this note I sing,
rift I m-e-nd, this child I raise, this earth I tend,
one small pl-a-ce, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Braden Neal's birthday by Nanny and Pappy Kinard (Nancy & Dan Kinard).

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor Benjamin Damon's 10th birthday by Jennifer, Eric, Caitlin, Mason, & Addison.

The bulletins are presented in honor of the birthday of David J. Strine by Mom and Dad (Don & Diane Strine).

Thank you to Sam Neff for providing special music at the 10:30 AM service today and to Jubilation for participating in the 8 AM service.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: John & Connie Wolfe; Rick & Cindy Hogentogler

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Les & Doris Loucks, Barb Stebbins, Todd & Jackie Kubala

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Video Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Erin & Jason Shiffer

WOW Kids: Dani Kardisco & Vanessa Bicher

¹The Call to Worship was adapted from two calls to worship found at <http://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/1405657/25230731/1406061720287/A+Collection+of+Worship> and accessed on February 12, 2020.

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³The prayer of confession was found at <https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/how-can-i-forgive-others-matthew-18/>

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⁶This alternate version of the Lord's Prayer was written by Mark Berry.

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Help Us Accept Each Other

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Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.

John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16

- 1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,
each per-son to em-brace.
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,
and bring us to be-lieve
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,
as in our dai-ly life
we strug-gle to be hu-man
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for peo-ple,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may be-come.
- 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,
so that we may be moved
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions
to do the truth in love;
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,
un-til we know by heart
the ta-ble of for-give-ness
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- 4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ter
with all who are in need,
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,
for righ-teous-ness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,
new hands for hold-ing on;
re-new us with your Spir-it;
God! Free us, make us one!

Dutch theologian Fred Kaan was ordained in the United Reformed Church in England and Wales and has served as an international church administrator. Author of more than 200 hymns, Kaan frequently has addressed contemporary issues in his texts.

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864