

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
September 13, 2020 - 10:15 am**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: In the presence of God the sea shall flee, the mountains shall skip like rams and the hills like lambs.

**All: We are bold to approach you and call you our God. We come into your presence with singing and into your courts with praise.**

One: Let us worship God!

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

You are worthy of all praise, O God, more than could ever flow from our mouths. The birds sing of your glory; the day's sun rises to honor you. The mountains owe their grandeur to your design for creation; the seas have their depth, as you have decreed. We blend our voices with all of your creatures and join with your people in praising your name.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**All: We are mindful that each time we come into your presence how willing you are to forgive seventy times seven. Yet when people betray us we bear grudges and think ill of them. We are quick to anger when we feel we've been wronged. We do not hasten to seek reconciliation even when we would rather things were less stressful and tense. Forgive us when we hesitate to emulate your example and help us to see the peace Christ taught us to practice.**

One: Paul writes how we do not live to ourselves alone. "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living." To be at one with Christ is to live in assurance that our sins are forgiven.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

### **Psalm 114**

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion. The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

## **GOSPEL:**

### **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."

**SERMON: "What is Unforgiveable?"**

**Pastor Sandee Kosmo**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**