

# Forgiveness



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**FORGIVENESS**

***“How to Bless an Enemy”***

**January 30, 2022 11:15 a.m.**

One of the most challenging things to do is bless those who intend to do us harm. However, blessing our enemies can be one of the most practical ways to turn enemies into friends – or at the very least, turn enemies into innocuous acquaintances. This week, we will consider steps one can take to disarm our enemies by blessing them.

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P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC**      *“I Will Wait for You”*      Shane & Shane

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please kneel as you are able during a time of silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**GATHERING SONG**      *“Holy is the Lord”*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

**C: In Jesus’s name, we:**

**Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship,**  
**Serve God’s people, both within our congregation and without,**  
**Learn about the Lord’s will for us through sharing and teaching, and**  
**Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**WORSHIP THEME PROVERB***Proverbs 17:9*

David Lochner

A: Together, let us recite Proverbs 17:9:

**C: One who forgives an affront fosters friendship, but one who dwells on disputes will alienate a friend.****INTRODUCTION TO THE READING****READING***Jeremiah 31:31-34*

A: The reading is from the book of Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.***(Please stand as you are able.)***GOSPEL***Matthew 5:43-48*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.***(Please be seated.)*

## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor  
“How to Bless an Enemy”

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## SONG OF THE DAY

“The Potter’s Hand”

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

P: Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit (*especially*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face (*especially*). Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**STEWARDSHIP READING**                      *2 Corinthians 8:1-2*

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

**OFFERING**                                      *“It Is Well with My Soul”*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

**C: Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**C: 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.**

*(Please be seated.)*

***What is Holy Communion?***

Holy Communion is a meal instituted by Jesus Christ that involves the receiving of God's forgiveness in a tangible form – we receive Jesus's life-giving body and blood in the presence of bread and wine (or grape juice). The meal is a time of remembrance and celebration.

***Who can take part?***

Holy Communion is something that not one of us has earned, so we receive it as God's free gift of life. The Church traditionally recommends that people be baptized before taking part, but all that is required is simply a heart that believes in Jesus Christ. If a person of any age wishes to be baptized, please let us know.

***How does Holy Communion take place?***

If you wish to take part, come forward as directed by the ushers. You will receive the wafer from the Pastor and the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant. If you wish to come forward for a blessing only, please cross your arms across your chest. You may also remain seated if you so wish.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**SUMMARY OF WORSHIP**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**SENDING SONG**

*“Lord, Reign in Me”*

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: We will! Thanks be to God!**

P: And next time ...

**C: ... we'll invite a friend!**

*We thank you for worshipping with us today.  
We hope to worship with you again in the near future!  
Many thanks to all those on our tech team  
for making this livestream service possible.*

### **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

### **SERVING NEXT MONTH: Readers**

February 6	Karyn Parker
February 13	Tom Ingram
February 20	Barb Barbour
February 27	Annette George

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