



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

NEWPORT-MT. OLIVET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 25, 2018 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING & PRAISE

PRELUDE

Holly Carroll & Connie Sublett

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Martin, *Lay Leader*

* INTROIT

Make Us One

TFWS 2224

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Peter asked Jesus, "How often should I forgive?"

All: Jesus answered him, "Not seven times, but seventy seven times."

One: What do we do when someone has harmed us?
How do we begin the hard work of forgiveness?

All: Jesus encouraged Peter to remember that he had been forgiven himself.

One: Indeed, forgiveness is a gift from God.

All: Learning to share that gift of grace is the challenge of our lives.

One: Let us then worship and sing of the forgiveness of God—

**All: That the walls of resentment between us may crumble;
and that the spirit of mercy and forgiveness will grow in its place.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Freely, Freely

UMH 389

* PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

One: Let us pray:

All: Gracious and merciful God—

**We come into your presence this morning
aware of the burden of resentment we bring with us.**

Remind us that your Son has called us to bear a cross, not a grudge.

**Let the fresh wind of your Spirit sweep through our hearts
and bring us into a new understanding
of what it means to forgive and be forgiven.**

**In the name of the One whose very life
reveals the extent of God's forgiveness, we pray. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-22

pg. 20, New Testament, Pew Bible

CONFESSION & PARDON

One: Loving God, we admit that we are not always loving and kind.

We know that we can be selfish and unkind to others, even to those we love.

All: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

One: Forgive us for the words we say and the things we do that hurt other people.

All: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

One: But God you love and forgive not only us, but everyone.

Teach us to be like you.

Show us how to love and forgive those who are not kind or loving to us.

Give us your power to forgive them when they are as selfish and inconsiderate
as we sometimes are.

All: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

One: Help us forgive them when they do things and say words that hurt us.

All: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

One: Forgiving God, your son Jesus taught us his prayer and then died on the cross
to reveal to us that you do forgive us and everyone else in the world.

Teach us how to pray this prayer.

Make us deeply aware that we are forgiven.

And, help us forgive those who sin against us.

(Moment of silent confession)

One: Hear the good news:

God forgives us for all the unloving things we do and the hurting words we say.

God also forgives others for the unloving things they do

and the hurtful words they say—even when they do them and say them to us.

And, God stands with us as we find our ways to forgive each other.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE

* GATHERING MUSIC *This Is the Day* UMH 657

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SUNG RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* UMH 191 (v. 1)

EMBRACING THE UNCERTAIN

PETER & THE UNCERTAINTY OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN OF DEDICATION *Grace Greater than Our Sin* UMH 365

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* SUNG BENEDICTION *Shalom to You* UMH 666

* POSTLUDE Holly Carroll & Connie Sublett

* Indicates congregation standing (if able)
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (large navy blue book)
TFWS = The Faith We Sing (small navy blue paperback)