



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

July 26, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost



OPENING

Gathering Songs

Only King Forever
Living Hope
Reckless Love

Invocation

WORD

Children's Message *Children stay in pews*

Announcements

Bible Reading Romans 12:14-21, Matthew 18:23-35

Sermon *How to Deal with Bitterness & Resentment*

Pastor Bob Stelter

Sermon Song *Jesus*

Sharing of God's Peace *Please do not shake hands or hug during the health crisis.*

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Holy Communion

Communion Blessing *stand*

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you
and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING

The Charge

Pastor: What does the Lord require of us?

Congregation: To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)

P: Go forth in the world to serve God with gladness, be of good courage, hold fast
to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people rejoicing in the power
of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. +

C: Amen.

Sending Song *Creed*

Dismissal

Praise Band: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*Upon the conclusion of worship, please leave safely, observing social distance.
Please take your communion wrappers and any other items to the trash cans in the narthex.
Please take worship bulletin with you for your weekly prayers, including all those in the prayer concerns.*

Flowers on the altar are given by John Woods in memory of his wife, Donna,.

Ushers— Linda & John Shoemaker

OUR VISION
To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

BIBLE READING
Romans 12: 14-21

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will burning coals on their heads."

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 18: 23-35

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, 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.

²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."