

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "In Times Like These" Ruth Caye Jones  
Dennis McCoy & Tedd Didden

## THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" Joe Utterbach

### \*DOXOLOGY

**We have been blessed to be a blessing to the world. May the gifts we dedicate and offer you this day bless a world in need, not only with our material resources, but with our very selves. Amen.**

\*HYMN "My Hope Is Built"

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne!  
(Refrain)

### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "A Song of Triumph" Anthony Giamanco

*\*Congregation stands as able*

# ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2020

### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

#### 10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova" J. Bert Carlson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
CENTERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Sing to our God, who brings us into a future of hope and life.  
Sing of God's mercy and grace. Sing of God's strength and  
might. Let us worship the Lord.**

\*HYMN "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain Of Triumphant Gladness;  
God Hath Brought Forth Israel Into Joy From Sadness;  
Loosed From Pharaoh's Bitter Yoke Jacob's Sons And Daughters,  
Led Them With Unmoistened Foot Through The Red Sea Waters.

Now The Queen Of Seasons, Bright With The Day Of Splendor,  
With The Royal Feast Of Feasts, Comes Its Joy To Render;  
Comes To Glad Jerusalem, Who With True Affection  
Welcomes In Unwearied Strains Jesus' Resurrection.

"Alleluia!" Now We Cry To Our King Immortal,  
Who, Triumphant, Burst The Bars Of The Tomb's Dark Portal;  
"Alleluia!" With The Son, God The Father Praising,  
"Alleluia!" Yet Again To The Spirit Raising.

### OPENING PRAYER

See Insert for Responsive Reading

**\*THE GOSPEL READING** Matthew 18:21-35

### **The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> “No, not seven times,” answered Jesus, “but seventy times seven,<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>23</sup> because the Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who decided to check on his servants' accounts. <sup>24</sup> He had just begun to do so when one of them was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. <sup>25</sup> The servant did not have enough to pay his debt, so the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his wife and his children and all that he had, in order to pay the debt. <sup>26</sup> The servant fell on his knees before the king. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay you everything!’ <sup>27</sup> The king felt sorry for him, so he forgave him the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> “Then the man went out and met one of his fellow servants who owed him a few dollars. He grabbed him and started choking him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he said. <sup>29</sup> His fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ <sup>30</sup> But he refused; instead, he had him thrown into jail until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very upset and went to the king and told him everything. <sup>32</sup> So he called the servant in. ‘You worthless slave!’ he said. ‘I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, just because you asked me to. <sup>33</sup> You should have had mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you.’ <sup>34</sup> The king was very angry, and he sent the servant to jail to be punished until he should pay back the whole amount.”

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus concluded, “That is how my Father in heaven will treat every one of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

The Word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

**SERMON:** Math of Forgiveness

**\*HYMN** “Go Down, Moses”

1 When Israel was in Egypt's land,  
Let my people go,  
oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
Let my people go.

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,  
tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go.

2 The Lord told Moses what to do,  
Let my people go,  
to lead the Hebrew children through,  
Let my people go. [Refrain]

3 As Israel stood by the waterside,  
Let my people go,  
at God's command it did divide,  
Let my people go. [Refrain]

4 When they had reached the other shore,  
Let my people go,  
they let the song of triumph soar,  
Let my people go. [Refrain]

5 Lord, help us all from bondage flee,  
Let my people go,  
and let us all in Christ be free,  
Let my people go. [Refrain]

### **CONCERNS AND PRAYERS**

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**