

# 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Welcome and Announcements · Lou Pennebaker

## Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

### ♪ Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

*Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive ...* Wilbur Held

### Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: Forgiveness is a gift we give to ourselves and to others.

**People: We come to seek healing and to extend grace, just as we have received it.**

Leader: In our hearts, let us release the burdens of anger and resentment.

**People: We come with open hearts, ready to forgive and to be forgiven.**

Leader: As we worship God together, let us celebrate the freedom that comes from forgiving one another.

**People: We choose to forgive, to let go, and to embrace love.**

\* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive  
No. 347 verses 1, 2, and 4

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of mercy, I am thankful for your forgiveness and am grateful when you lift the burden of my failures, wash away my guilt, and set me free. But when someone hurts me, I am not as eager for mercy. Deep in my heart, I want them to pay for the hurt they caused, that I cannot let go of. I want mercy for myself, but justice for everyone else.

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## Prayer of Confession (in unison)...continued

Lord, I do not like to admit it, but in my pain and my anger, I do not fully trust you to deal rightly with those who have wounded me. I do not trust that your justice is enough. I do not trust that I can release my anger without pretending the hurt did not matter. Forgive me, Lord. In the name of Jesus, who forgave even from the cross, Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.*

**People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.***

## \* 🎵 Gloria Patri

No. 579

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading · Kathy Pearson

1 John 1:5-9 (pg. 1898)

### 🎵 Anthem · Chancel Choir

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand ...* Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Jack Schader

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist  
(CCLI #20405356)

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:12-15 (pg. 1504)

### Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Dr. Toby Nelson

**Skill Lesson: How to ask for forgiveness**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Call for Offering

♪ Offertory

*Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great ...* John Eggert

\* ♪ Doxology

No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

\* ♪ Closing Hymn · Nothing but the Blood  
See page 6 of bulletin.

\* **Benediction**

Leader: "God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly  
beyond all that we ask or imagine, according  
to His power that is at work within us. To him  
be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations, forever and ever!  
Amen."

The hand of God is on you...

**People: And also on you!**