

**Worship during the Pandemic  
Creation Time 2020**

**Forgiveness**

13 September 2020

Welcome

Centring Time

*a candle is lit*

Take a moment now and centre yourself deeply in the love of God. Plant your feet firmly on the ground; feel your body and how you are sitting (can you open yourself a little more to your breathing?); open your hands to give and receive God's presence. Let your in-breath bring awareness, let your out-breath help you let go. Come into God's presence, let God be present in you.

Centring Prayer

God of heaven, you make your home on earth.

You dwell among us and are one with us.

When we attune our senses to what is around us, we find your glory.

We see you in the sky, in the earth, in the waters.

You are revealed in the plants, animals and people.

We experience you in the rising of the sun, moon, and stars;  
and in the cycles of the seasons.

Earth is our home where we find heaven.

We praise you, God, for your goodness toward all things and all people.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

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

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,

for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Matthew 18.21-34

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At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, "Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?"

Jesus replied, "Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.

"The kingdom of God is like a king who decided to square accounts with his servants. As he got under way, one servant was brought before him who had run up a debt of a hundred thousand dollars. He couldn't pay up, so the king ordered the man, along with his wife, children, and goods, to be auctioned off at the slave market.

“The poor wretch threw himself at the king’s feet and begged, ‘Give me a chance and I’ll pay it all back.’ Touched by his plea, the king let him off, erasing the debt.

“The servant was no sooner out of the room when he came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him ten dollars. He seized him by the throat and demanded, ‘Pay up. Now!’

“The poor wretch threw himself down and begged, ‘Give me a chance and I’ll pay it all back.’ But he wouldn’t do it. He had him arrested and put in jail until the debt was paid. When the other servants saw this going on, they were outraged and brought a detailed report to the king.

“The king summoned the man and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for mercy. Shouldn’t you be compelled to be merciful to your fellow servant who asked for mercy?’ The king was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt.

#### Minister’s Reflection

#### Offering Time

We acknowledge the gifts the we have received in our lives, especially those we love, those who have taught us, the earth and all its goodness. life and its abundance. God continues to bless us and makes us a blessing to others.

#### Meditation

#### Benediction

Be blessed and strengthened by God,  
who moves through you and all around you.  
And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all  
be with you, today, tomorrow and always.