

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2017
“Tolerance and Forgiveness”

I tell you, not
seven times, but
seventy-seven
times.- Jesus



Delta Presbyterian Church

Strengthening Christ in us

Sharing Christ among us

Showing Christ around us

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Order of Worship
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Prelude
Tolling of the Bell

Frederick Isaac, Pianist

Gathering for Worship

**Singspiration

Give Thanks

Exodus 15:2

Sanctuary

Strengthening Christ in Us

Opening Prayer

Frank Jackson, Lay Leader

**O Lord, our God, we gather to worship on the first day of a new week.
As on a first day you began the work of creating us;
as on a first day you raised your Son from the dead;
so on this first day, good Lord, freshen and remake us:
and as the week is new, let our lives begin again
because of Jesus who shows us your loving power. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Romans 14:1-12 (CEB)

Anthem

A Covenant Prayer

Celebration Choir

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35 (CEB)

Children's Sermon

Hymn

Seek Ye First (vs. 1)

(Children may go downstairs for Sunday School)

Proclamation of the Word **Tolerance and Forgiveness**

Rev. Wendy S. Pratt

But why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you look down on your brother or sister?
We all will stand in front of the judgment seat of God.

Romans 14:10

**Hymn of Response

God, How Can We Forgive

Litany of Confession

Jesus was careless about himself;

we are careful.

He was courageous;

we are cautious.

He trusted the unworthy;

we trust those who have good collateral.

He forgave the unforgivable;

we forgive those who do not really hurt us.

He was righteous and laughed at respectability;

we are respectable and smile at righteousness.

He was meek;

we are ambitious.

He saved others;

we save ourselves as much as we can.

He had no place to lay his head and did not worry about it;

**we fret when we cannot have the last convenience
manufactured by clever science.**

He did what he believed to be right regardless of consequences;

we determine what is right by how it will affect us.

He feared God but not the world;

we fear public opinion more than we fear the judgment of God.

He risked everything for God;

we make religion a refuge from risk.

He took up the cross;

we neither take it up nor lay it down but merely let it stand.

Merciful God, forgive, and in the freedom of your forgiveness,

**may we climb to the threshold of our belief in you,
take up our cross and follow Jesus. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**Passing of the Peace

**Response

Amazing Grace (vs. 1)

**Sharing Christ Among Us--
Showing Christ Around Us**

Offering

(Children in 5th grade and up may go downstairs for Sunday School)

**Response

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Life in the Community

Prayers for Those Among & Around Us/Lord's Prayer

You will have the opportunity to offer silent prayer on suggested topics. After each time of silence, we will close with the pastor saying "Lord in your mercy" and you may respond with "Hear our prayers."

**Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1,2,3)

**Challenge & Blessing

**Closing Response

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (vs. 2)

Postlude

***Please stand if you are able*

Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!



We are pleased to have you worshiping with us this morning. We provide this information to help you fully participate in the worship of God. Please take a moment to sign the guest book on the stand in the back of the sanctuary (worship space) to the left of the drinking fountain. We invite you to stay for our fellowship time following the service. Feel free to help yourself to the coffee and hot water (for tea) that is available in the back of the sanctuary before and after worship.

Everything you need to participate in worship is on the screen. If you are able, you are invited to stand when the congregation stands.

Restrooms are in the back of the sanctuary on the left.

There is information on the activities at Delta on the counter in the Commitment Center. The Commitment Center is on your left as you leave the sanctuary.

We welcome the sound of children in worship. If your young child is distracting to **you**, you are welcome to do any of the following:

- Get up and move to the back. The colorful bags have small items designed to keep children busy. They are welcome to play with them on the floor in front of the Commitment Center, or you may take the bags to your seats.
- There is a nursery available downstairs. Exit the sanctuary via the door on the right and go straight down the stairs. The nursery (101) is at the foot of the steps on the right. Pagers are available to notify you if your child needs you.
- There is a cry room (202) where you can take your child. Instead of going downstairs, go down the hall and the cry room is on the right. You can view the worship service through a window. The cry room is equipped with a changing table.

Preschool through early elementary children are dismissed following the Children's Sermon. They may either return to their seats, or go downstairs to the Nursery (101 infants & toddlers), or Sunday School (Room 107). Older elementary and youth are dismissed during the offering to go down to the gathering room, except when there is a Fellowship Meal following worship. There are clipboards with worksheets for them to fill out and take downstairs with them.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

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