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Grace

Lessons In Leadership Worship Series – Week 4

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

C: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

P: The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

C: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

P: We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

C: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

P: In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

C: God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed

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**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Gloria Patri

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*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen!*

Opening Hymn – O How I Love Jesus

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Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

Psalm Lesson – Psalm 114 (NRSVue)

L: ¹ When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

C: ² Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

L: ³ The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

C: ⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

L: ⁵ Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

C: ⁶ O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

L: ⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

C: ⁸ who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Hymn – Freely, Freely

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Gospel Lesson – Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSVue)

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave

released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But 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.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Sermon – Grace

Holy Communion – Service of Word & Table II

**** Please refer to your handout or the screen ****

Closing Hymn: Help Us Accept Each Other p. 560 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Followers of Christ, go now in the blessing and assurance that you are a forgiven people empowered by grace to forgive and heal the divisions that keep us from truly loving God, self, neighbor, and all creation with the fullness of our beings. Amen

Readings for the week beginning September 14, 2026

Exodus 16:2-15 | Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 | Philippians 1:21-30 | Matthew 20:1-16

Announcements

- The Administrative Board and PPRC will meet Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Union UMC Charge Conference meeting will be held October 13, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner
Frank Dalton
Johnny Disher
Sherry Doub

Wanda Needham
Barbara Perryman
Frances Sisk
Peggy Willard

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost
Tammy Seats Boyd
Jimmy & Deborah Branch
Jane Bullin
Leisha Carpenter
Mack Edwards
Garry Harbin
Kathy Harbin
Lynda Harper
Ronald Howell
David Joyner
Wrintley Koble
Charles Kurfees
Kevin McBride

Kevin McDaniel
Mark Megela
Ronnie Mudd
Jay D. Prevette
Vivian Royal
Hal Seats
Phillip Seats
Mary Ellen Smith
Kim Triplette
Ann Wallace
Robert and Susan Warren
Tracy Webb
Jeremy Wilson
Savannah Wooten

September Birthdays

Brian Gough	9
Colleen Pellington	10
Chase Benjamin Mote	12
Trey Mark	16
Gray Lineberry	17

Liam Pellington	22
Barbara Perryman	23
Bradán Burton	26
Katy Mae Collins	26

Wesley Covenant Prayer

(Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on HackingChristianity.net.)

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?