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Wimberley United Methodist Church

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GATHERING SONG

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

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*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and
live.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we
may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know
by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's heal-
ing art.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and
faith.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are
in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteous-
ness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for
holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us,
make us one!*

*Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for
some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may be-
come.*

GREETING/WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

SONG OF PRAISE

"House of the Lord"

*We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah*

*We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise*

Chorus

Interlude

*There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet*

*Oh oh oh
We shout out Your praise*

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*We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away*

Bridge

*('Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise*

Interlude

*There is joy in this house oh yeah
There is joy there is joy
And we won't be quiet
We're gonna shout out Your praise*

Ending

*We shout out Your praise
There is joy in this house
There is joy in this house today
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise*

I want to be willing to forgive but I dare not ask for the will to forgive in case you give it to me and I am not yet ready. I am not yet ready for my heart to soften. I am not yet ready to be vulnerable again. Not yet ready to see that there is humanity in my tormentor's eyes or that the one who hurt me may also have cried. I am not yet ready for the journey; I am not yet interested in the path. I am at the prayer before the prayer of forgiveness. Grant me the will to want to forgive. Grant it to me not yet but soon.

Can I even form the words forgive me? Dare I even look? Do I dare to see the hurt I have caused? I can glimpse all the shattered pieces of that fragile thing; that soul trying to rise on the broken wings of hope, but only out of the corner of my eye. I am afraid of it. And if I am afraid to see how can I not be afraid to say forgive me?

Is there a place where we can meet? You and me. The place in the middle; the no man's land where we straddle the lines; where you are right and I am right too, and both of us are wrong and wronged. Can we meet there? And look for the place where the path begins - the path that ends when we forgive.

KIDZ CHURCH *Children ages three and up may go to Kidz Church in the Fellowship Hall*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35

CENTERING SONG

"How Blest We Are"

Choir

SERMON

"Questions to God: Forgiveness. Huh?"

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RESPONSE SONG

"Amazing Grace"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer Before the Prayer (from The Book of Forgiving by Desmond Tutu & Mpho Tutu)

INVITATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

"Freely, Freely"

UMH 389

*God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to*

*He said, "Freely, freely you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in my name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live"*

*All power is givin' in Jesus' name
In earth and Heaven in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to*

*He said, "Freely, freely you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in my name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live"*

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL