

ONLINE WORSHIP September 13, 2020

HYMNS: Norton Park UMC

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK – Matthew 18:21-22

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WELCOME/CHECKING IN

Where do you... see God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your healing love.

P: Restore us to life in which peace flourishes.

L: Our spirits are weighed down by our guilt and fear

P: Darkness surrounds us daily.

L: Lord, in your mercy you have forgiven and restored us.

A: Thank you, gracious God, for seeing the good in us and healing our lives. AMEN.

Ministries Matter

GATHERING UNISON PRAYER

We sing and speak your praise, O God, grateful for the many ways in which you have healed us. Keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open to learn ways in which we can offer healing love for others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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HYMN – “Wonderful Words of Life” UMH #600 vs. 1,2,3

KINGDOM TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC –

“America the Beautiful”

Piano duet by Phyllis Kruell & Kim Herrig of Asbury UMC

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Romans 14:1-4

Do Not Judge Another

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness

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The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and,

as he could not pay, his 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."

MESSAGE- "Forgive Us Our Debts"

INVITATION TO GIVE TO THE LIVING CHRIST, OURSELVES, OUR LOVE AND OUR GIFTS

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings:

Mail your offering to:

Northwood UMC, P.O. Box 295, Esko, MN 55733

DOXOLOGY – "We Are So Blessed" Celebration Hymnal #795

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – UMH #887

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN – "Freely, Freely" UMH #389 vs. 1,2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL

DISMISSAL HYMN "Song of Hope" FWS #2186