

From the Pastor

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During a recent worship service, I mentioned the assassination attempt made on the life of Pope John Paul II on May 31st, 1981. He was crossing St. Peter's Square in Vatican City that day when a young man tried to kill him. He was shot four times.



Amazingly, he survived and forgave the young man who shot him. He even visited him in prison and worked to get him released.

In time, the young man became a Christian and when Pope John Paul did die in 2005, the same young man came and placed two dozen white roses on his grave.

Strangely enough, we live in a world where the pope's forgiveness shocks us more than the attempt made to take his life.

The pope traveled the road of forgiveness that leads to life as a follower of Jesus. Here at St. Mark's, we have just finished a worship and study series on the Renegade Jesus ending Easter Sunday. We are people who believe in the power of forgiveness and that through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have full, abundant and eternal life. Thank you for all you do in sharing the good news of Easter with our community and world!

Blessings,

Craig