

As you have entrusted your gifts to us,  
so we return these gifts to you,  
trusting that you will multiply them to the great glory  
of your Kin-dom on earth. Amen.

## We Go Forth to Serve

\* Song

"Grace Alone"

The Faith We Sing #2162  
small black song book

\* Community Blessing

\* Postlude

*Thank you for worshiping with us today!*



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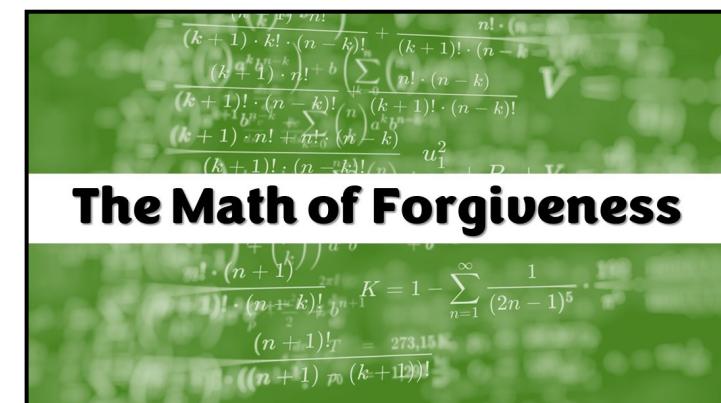


# Tigard Church

UNITED METHODIST

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • September 17, 2023

**Welcome!**



Forgiveness is a starting place, not a stopping place.  
It is God's gift to those who wish to begin again,  
but where we go with it is up to us.

Barbara Brown Taylor



**No Fair!**

A series exploring how God's idea of fairness is very different from ours.

## We Gather to Worship

\* indicates where you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.



Gathering Music

Welcome & Opening Prayer

### \* Centering Our Lives for Worship

One: Welcome to you, the weak and the strong.

**All: Christ Jesus welcomes us here.**

One: Welcome to you, sinners and saints.

**All: God's grace embraces us all.**

One: Welcome to you, forgiven and forgiving.

**All: The Spirit binds us in unity and love.**

\* Hymn                    "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"                    words on screen

Tune: HOLY MANNA

### \* Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

\* Sung Response                    "There's a Spirit of Love"                    Worship & Song #2148

small green song book

Children's Message

Choir Anthem

## We Open to the Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Message

"The Math of Forgiveness"  
Rev. Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen

Music for Reflection

## We Respond to the Word

We Come to God in Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Lord's Prayer

Worship & Song #3071

small green song book

**Our God in heaven, holy is your name.**

**Your reign come, your will done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread**

**and help us forgive as we have been forgiven.**

**In the time of trial, lead us into light,**

**for yours is the Kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Our God in heaven, holy is your name,  
holy is your name.**

Giving Our Gifts to God

Offertory

"Forgiveness Waltz"

\* Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Giving God, all we are and all we have come from you.**

**We offer back to you what has always been yours.**

The Hymnal #94

red hard cover book