

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 worshipping with us today!



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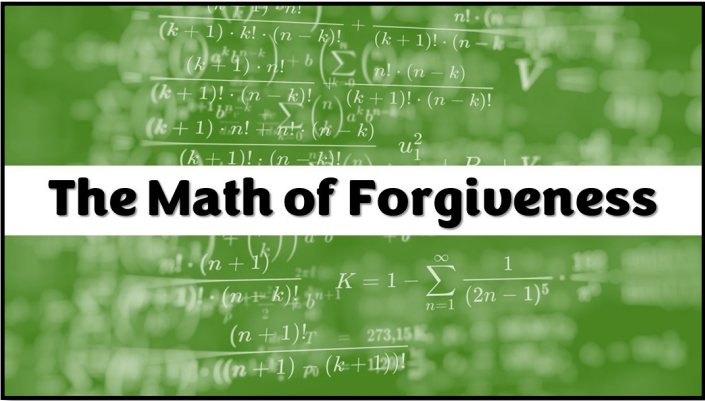
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**Tigard Church**  
UNITED METHODIST

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*

The Hymnal #94

red hard cover book

**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.**