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M: Minister

A: All

WELCOME

HYMN:

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”
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INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

A: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

A: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister offers the Prayer of the Day.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON:

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died:¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

SECOND LESSON:

Ephesians 4:29-5:2

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

⁵ ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**A: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church.
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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MESSAGE

“Stories of Forgiveness”
based on Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.”²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’”²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.”²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’”³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.”³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.’”³³ “Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?”³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

PRAYERS & BLESSING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The minister offers the Prayer of the Church.

LORD'S PRAYER

A: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: May God grant you good health and hope in Jesus.

HYMN:

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”
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BLESSING

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Verse 1

The sun comes up,
It's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

Bless the Lord
Oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 2

You're rich in love and
You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day,
when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then for-evermore!

Chorus

I'll worship Your holy name,
I'll worship Your holy name.
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name

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When Peace Like a River

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my
 2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be

way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The

ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -

say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul.

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soul.

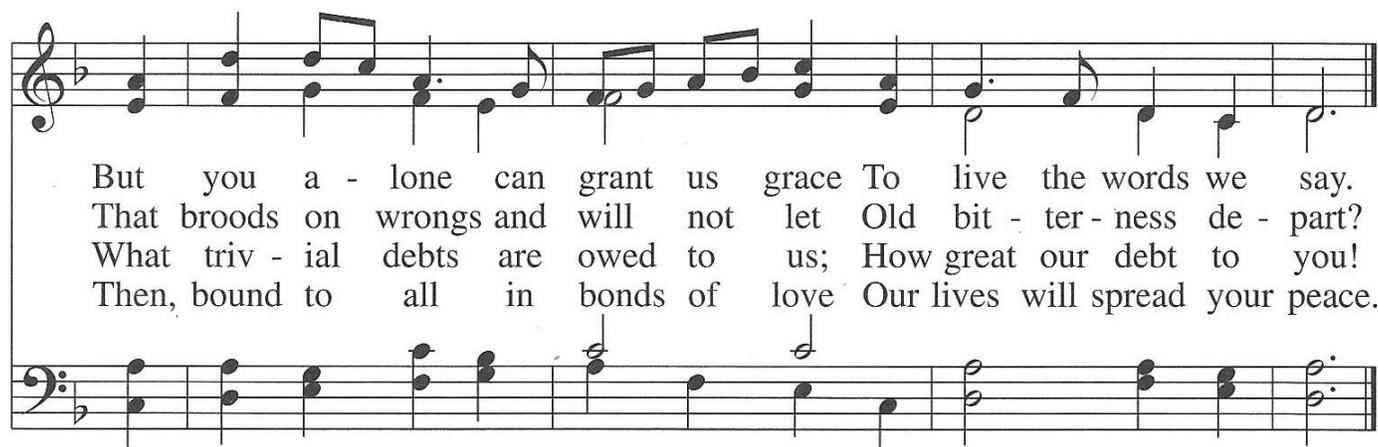
The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the hymn 'Trust'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with the lyrics 'It is well with my soul.' and a bass clef staff with the lyrics 'It is well with my'. The second system has a treble clef staff with the lyrics 'It is well, it is well with my soul.' and a bass clef staff with the lyrics 'soul.'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a 11 8 11 9 meter.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray,
2 How can your par - don reach and bless The un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And bid re - sent - ment cease;



But you a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
What triv - ial debts are owed to us; How great our debt to you!
Then, bound to all in bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

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