

SEASON OF PENTECOST
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PRELUDE

Improvisation on Popular Hymns

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION read by Rabbi Judi from Newbridge

Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

ANTHEM

Beautiful Savior

David Allen

INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name.

Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God's gifts—

All: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name.

Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God's gifts--

One: Forgiveness flowing into healing,

Tireless goodness and joy:

Strength and youth of the Eagle's flight.

All: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name.

Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God's gifts--

One: Vindication, justice for all those oppressed;

Liberation from bondage, and guidance for the way;

Unending mercy, steadfast love.

Out loud, but muted

All: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name.

Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God's gifts--

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is GOD's love toward those who are faithful;

As a parent has compassion for children,

so our GOD has compassion for us.

**All: Bless GOD, O friends: with all our strength, bless the holy name.
Bless GOD, O friends, and never forget God's gifts.**

Compassionate-One, Lover-of-Goodness, Patience-with-Sinners,
Draw near to us. Surround us with confidence in your good news:

**that you love us as parents love their children;
that your mercy is boundless and generous,
that you beckon us always and will wait forever
as we find our way back to you.**

Open our hearts to receive your compassion;
And then show us how to forgive,

So that we may be vessels of resurrection hope in our troubled world.

**In Jesus' name we pray the words he taught us saying, 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
debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE read by Andy Marcoux

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those 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. Who 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. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, 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. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 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.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 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. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

ANTHEM	<i>Gentle Shepherd</i>	Ijames & Pope
SERMON	<i>How to Love, Part II</i>	Rev. Cheryl Kerr
POSTLUDE	<i>Improvisation</i>	Robert Humphreville

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