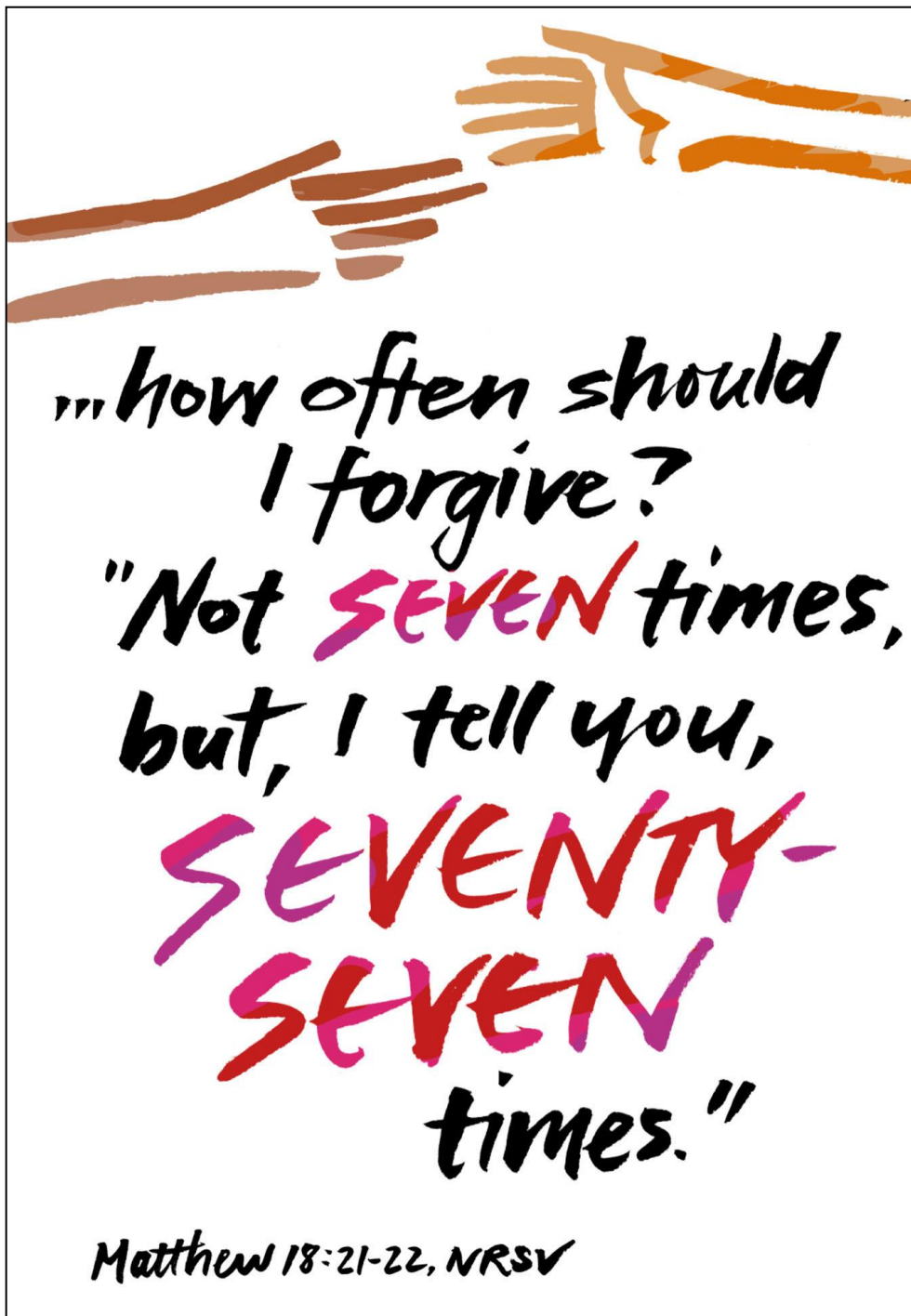


Christ's Reformed Church – United Church of Christ

~ growing people of faith who live in Jesus, love one another and bear abundant fruit ~



21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 14, 2018



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“THE KEY TO THE KINGDOM”

~ GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Praise the Lord with the Drum & Cymbals” Arr. by Dorothy Wells

~ PREPARING FOR GOD’S WORD ~

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 18

“Lord, if another person sins against me, how often should I forgive?”

If someone is caught in a sin, we should restore that one gently.

“But what is fair? How often should I forgive the same person?”

Bear with each other and forgive *all* grievances.

Forgive as the Lord forgives you.

“Should I forgive as many as seven times?”

**If the same person sins against you seven times a day,
but turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,'
you *must* forgive.**

Jesus said to forgive:

Not seven times, but, seventy-seven times.

God give us the grace to love and to forgive one another.

Help us to feel the presence of your Holy Spirit in this sanctuary,
healing broken relationships and teaching us how to forgive, love, and bless,

so that we, too, can be loved and forgiven and blessed.

INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” Black 551

CONFESSION

Prayer Hebrews 4

Meditation Hymn “There’s a Wideness” Black 23

Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

BELLS ANTHEM

“Simple Gifts”

Arr. by Susan Geschke

PASTORAL PRAYER

Psalm 22

In you our ancestors trusted;

and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved;

they were not put to shame.

Silent Petitions

The Lord's Prayer

* HYMN

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Black 553

~ RECEIVING GOD'S WORD ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Sirac 5:5-7

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place for all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

So teach us to count our days

that we may gain a wise heart.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,

and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,

and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,

and prosper for us the work of our hands!

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 10:26-29a

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

“The Key to the Kingdom”

Dr. Hodge

~ RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE ~

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

Arr. by Mark Hayes

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

~ GOING IN GOD'S NAME ~

* CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

Black 547

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“That Our Joy May Be Full”

Ethel Tench Rogers