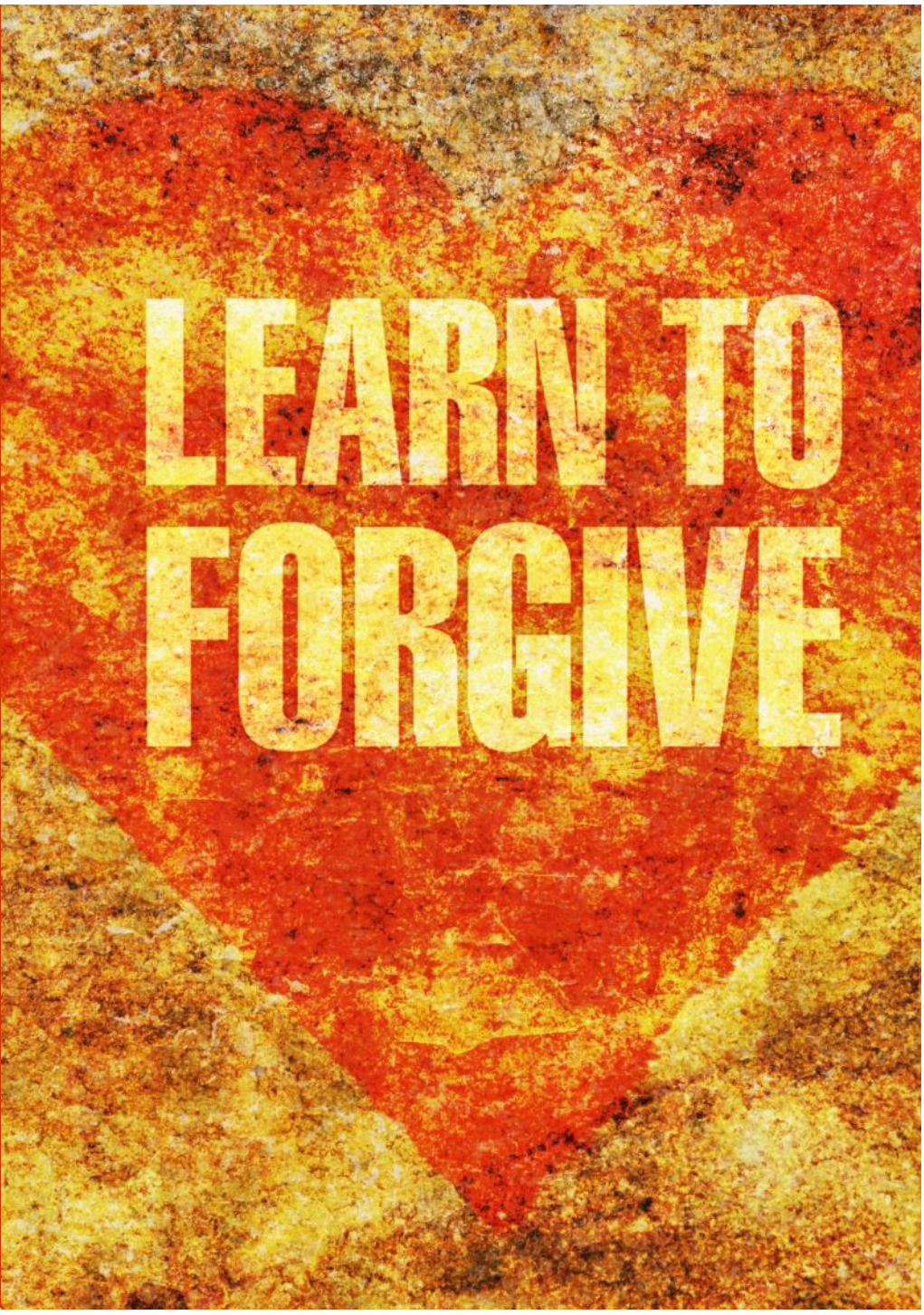


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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE — “**Out of the Depths**” — Max Drischner

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Julie Lady

Leader: Listen to the good news. God is with us, this day and every day.

People: Because God is with us, we can face each day with courage. We can find some good in everything, for we are never completely alone.

Leader: God's goodness sometimes seems to be a trickle, sometimes pulsing spurts, and sometimes a mighty flood. But always God is with us.

Unison: We worship you, O God, for your goodness. We praise you with our songs. We seek you in our prayers. We offer ourselves to you because you are our God.

***OPENING PRAYER** — Julie Lady

***HYMN #366** — “**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**”

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WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #576 in the hymnal

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE GLORIA — #583 in the hymnal

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT — Pat Yancey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Genesis 50:15-21 — OT pg. 48 — Julie Lady

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 6:27-38— NT pg. 64 — Sandra Brown

SERMON — “When Forgiving Gets Tough...” — Sandra Brown

***HYMN #735 — “I Need Thee Every Hour”**

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

***Call for the Offering**

***Doxology — #607 in the hymnal**

***Prayer of Dedication — Pat Yancey**

Offertory — “Prayer” — Beethoven

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER — Pat Yancey

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***HYMN #295 — “Go to the World!”**

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION — Sandra Brown**

POSTLUDE — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” — David Cherwien

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Organist: Cynthia Neufeld Smith

Director of Music: Kevin Kellim

Soloist: Elliot Lauxman

Ushers: Team 2

Audio/Video: Dan Pauls, Will Hartner

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