



**The Unforgiving Servant**

**June 28, 2020**

Stories that Matter

**Matthew 18:21-35**

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**Prelude**

"In Christ Alone" arr. Lyndell Leatherman

**Celebration of Community**

Welcome to live and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. Remember that the 8:30 service is being live streamed and is available on YOUTUBE this morning. We will also be live streaming our AWE contemporary service today at 11:00.

-Virtual VBS, the Parking Lot Party and Movie Night were all such great fellowship opportunities and times to share the good news. Please remember that the VBS materials will be available for the rest of the summer, so continue to share them with your friend and neighbors.

-There are Saxe Gotha Kids and Students events this coming week, please check [saxegotha.org/news](http://saxegotha.org/news) for details.

-To keep everyone safe at this time of worship we appreciate you all wearing masks and also for not joining in on congregational singing. We want to make sure that everyone stays safe and well.

**We Gather to Worship**

**Music of Preparation**

Harp Solo - Macaylia Boyle

**Call to Worship**

LEADER: I will extol the Lord at all times;

PEOPLE: his praise will always be on my lips.

L: I will glory in the Lord;

P: let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

L: Glorify the Lord with me;

ALL: let us exalt his name together.

**Opening Hymn**

#112 Give to our God Immortal praise (Vs 1 & 3)

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, you are always ready to forgive our sins. We are much less eager to forgive those with whom we disagree. So often when we have something against our friends, family, or strangers, we escalate the conflict rather than working for unity. We resist your call to be ambassadors of reconciliation. We wish we could turn the other cheek, but it feels so much more satisfying to demonize the other side. Forgive us for these and all of our sins, and hear us now as we continue to confess our sins in silence...In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Romans 8:34

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for

us, Christ prays for us.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

### **Affirmation of Faith**

from The Westminster Larger Catechism

LEADER: What do we pray for in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

ALL: In the fifth petition (which is, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors acknowledging that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God, and neither we nor any other creature can make the least satisfaction for that debt: we pray for ourselves and others, that God of his free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ apprehended and applied by faith, acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in his Beloved, continue his favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness; which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offenses.

### **Gloria Patri**

### **Children's Message Video**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Offertory Hymn**

Forgive our sins as we forgive (#694 of Celebrating Grace Hymnal)

### **Offertory Prayer**

-Thank you to all who participated in our first ever Virtual VBS. Many seeds were planted - let's continue to grow them!

### **Anthem**

"Here is Love, vast as the ocean"- Trumpet Solo

### **We Hear God's Word**

### **Message**

The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:23-35)

### **We Respond to God's Word**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Invitation and Benediction**

### **Closing Hymn**

#566 I am Resolved (Vs 1 and 2)

### **Postlude**

"Festivity in Holy Manna" Douglas E. Wagner

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