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seeking God's peace, justice and love ~

THE

UNFORGIVABLE

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Mark 3:20-35



The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 6, 2021 – 11:00 AM

** Indicates congregation standing if able.
Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (*L = Leader, P = People*)

L. The Lord be with you.

P. And also with you.

L. This is the day that the Lord has made;

P. let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L. Praise the Lord.

All. The Lord's name be praised.

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray.

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires, known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord.

P. Amen.

* Hymn **“PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”**

*Praise ye the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-va-tion!*

*All ye who hear, now to his tem-ple draw near;
join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-eth,
shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-tain-eth!*

*Hast thou not seen how thy de-sires e'er have been
grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! Oh let all that is in me a-dore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him!*

*Let the a-men sound from his peo-ple a-gain;
glad-ly for aye we a-dore him.*

* Call to Confession

Holy Scripture declares,

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Therefore let us bow in humble confession of our sins.

* Prayer of Confession

**All. Gracious God, we acknowledge that we
have longed too much for the comforts of this world.
We have often treasured the gifts
more than you the Giver.**

**In your mercy, help us to see that all the material things
for which we so pine are but shadows;
only you are substance;
each is mere quicksand, but you are mountain;
they all are shifting, but you are our only anchor.**

**In your great love, forgive us and by your Holy Spirit,
grant us true vision and thanksgiving;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior.**

L. Lord, have mercy.

P. Christ, have mercy.

All. Lord, have mercy.

* Sung Response **“PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND”**

*Pre-cious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord,
lead me home.*

* Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news.

Holy Scripture declares,

"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

In Christ's name I declare pardon and peace
to all who repent and trust him.

All. Amen.

* Sung Response **“HELELUYAN”**

NATIVE AMERICAN

*He-le-lu-yan, he-le-lu-yan: he-le, he-le-lu-yan;
He-le-lu-yan, he-le-lu-yan; he-le, he-le-lu-yan.*

Prayer for Illumination

L. Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your word.

Silence in us any thoughts but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

History 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 (*Israel Demands a King*)

Psalm 138

(Please remain seated as we sing Psalm 138)

“WITH GRATEFUL HEART MY THANKS I BRING”

*With grate-ful heart my thanks I bring;
be-fore the “gods” your praise I sing.
I wor-ship in your ho-ly place
and praise you for your truth and grace;
for truth and grace to-geth-er shine
in your most ho-ly Word di-vine.*

*I cried to you, and you did save;
your word of grace new cour-age gave.
The kings of earth shall thank you, Lord,
for they have heard your won-drous word;
yes, they shall come with songs of praise
for great and glo-rious are your ways.*

*O Lord, en-throned in glo-ry bright,
you reign a-lone in heaven-ly height;
the proud in vain your fa-vor seek,
but you have mer-cy for the meek.
Through trou-ble though my path-way be,
you will re-vive and strength-en me.*

*You will stretch forth your might-y arm
to save me when my foes a-larm.
The work you have for me be-gun
shall by your grace be ful-ly done.
Your love for-ev-er will en-dure:
your mercy, Lord, is ev-er sure.*

Gospel Mark 3:20-35 (*Jesus and Beelzebul*)

Sermon

“The Unforgivable Sin”
The Rev. Dr. Dwyn Mounger

* Apostle's Creed (*Traditional*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

In gratitude to God for all our blessings showered upon us in love,
let us bring now our gifts.

Prayer of Dedication

God of great love and grace, receive these our gifts,
and with them, our hearts and lives,
using them and us, by your Holy Spirit,
in the coming of your promised realm of eternal peace and joy
through Jesus Christ

All. Amen.

* Hymn **“GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING”**

*“Go, my child-ren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s bap-tis-mal riv-er
I have made you mine for-ev-er.
Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.”*

*“Go, my child-ren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s sto-ry;
here you touched him, saw his glo-ry.
Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.”*

*“Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.
Here my Spir-it’s pow-er filled you;
here my ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free.”*

* Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage.
Hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak, help the suffering.
Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with and remain with you always.

All. Amen.

Postlude

Guest Minister: The Rev. Dr. Dwyn Mounger

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pianist: Judy Moyer

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“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”

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