

Judging Others

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[0 : 00] MUSIC Thank you.

Thank you.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings. I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. Praise! Hi and welcome to Pendleton Center Church.

[2 : 08] We are the Chancel Choir. If you're new to our church, please pick up a welcome folder that's at the connection site or the welcome and information desk. We'd like to know you are here, so everyone, please put your name on the friendship card you'll find in the bulletin.

If you would like to receive the church newsletter or need an update of any information, please be sure to fill out your address, email, and phone number.

On the back, you can write prayer concerns, blessings, or notes to the staff. Please enjoy our service and have a blessed day. Good morning.

Good morning. This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day This is the day That the Lord has made That the Lord has made Let us rejoice Let us rejoice And be glad in it And be glad in it This is the day That the Lord has made Let us rejoice And be glad in it This is the day This is the day That the Lord has made Shall we pray together?

Dear God in heaven Pour your spirit into this place Touch us And help us to feel And experience your presence here Help us to worship you For it's in Jesus' name We have gathered Amen I'd like to invite you If you're able To stand As we're going to sing together Jesus United by thy grace Jesus Jesus United by thy grace And each to each indeed With confidence We seek thy face And know our prayer is heard Help us to help each other Lord Each other's cross to bear Let all their friendly aid Afford

[4 : 39] And feel each other's care Up unto thee our living head Let us in all things grow Till thou hast made us free indeed And spotless here below Touched by the lodestone of thy love Let all our hearts agree And ever told each other me And ever move toward thee The Lord be with you Please be seated This morning we're going to take As our special mission moment An offering for UMCOR Which is what will help With that Bahamas hurricane We recently had Mandatory evacuation for zone A

It's tropical cyclone Deneo And it's expected to become This is Bafor Of course the need You may have seen It's great It's great It's great It's great It's great It's great It's great Absolutely A huge fire UMCOR UMCOR The United Methodist Committee on Relief Is a disaster and the development arm Of the whole United Methodist Church When you give to UMCOR You give 100% to the project You are supporting And to the disaster You want to respond to We work alongside the conferences As they set up projects and programs To try to see families and individuals Through to their recovery Which sometimes takes months And most often years UMCOR has been for more than 75 years

In this business of being hope Of being there for people in need In the moment of disaster When they have lost everything And through UMCOR The United Methodist People Are hope in these situations You know walls are coming down People are coming together And they don't have power yet But they're still finding ways To feed each other And that feeds the soul Not just the body As people are helping their neighbor And helping each other In their community They begin to see That the love of God Has not left them It's right there Amen And you know I just I want to emphasize And you know Can't say strongly enough I think UMCOR Is the only relief organization In the world That if you give to it 100% of what you give Designated for a specific thing Goes there No administrative costs taken off

No other costs taken off at all That is taken care of By the church Through other funding So when you give to UMCOR 100% of what you give Goes there When you make out Your check for UMCOR And you will find An envelope in your bulletin Please make the check out To the church PCUMC Or Pendleton Center United Methodist And on the memo line Write that it's designated For UMCOR Don't make the check out To UMCOR Okay We'll have to get it back to you And flip it around and stuff Alright And so please Support that effort It's a wonderful effort Before you even give this morning Those folks are already down there They are already mobilized And working Where they need to be working So it's a tremendous Outreach effort The clipboard that's going around This morning Is for our prayer vigil Please take note of the places Where there isn't anyone Signed up yet The focus of our prayer vigil Is on the ministries Of Pendleton Center

United Methodist Church How we minister to one another How we reach out To our communities And the wider world All kinds of ministries At the beginning of the season We want to make sure That we're praying For everything that's going on If you have You might see In the pocket In the seat in front of you A card like this Might be this lovely Bright orange Might be white If you've got a prayer request A prayer request Please write it down And drop it in the offering plate Or if you think of your prayer request Later on during the service You can leave it in one of the Wooden lock boxes That we have around the church And we'll make sure We get it in time To lift those requests up At our prayer vigil Alright If you are praying from home This prayer guide Is available for you They're out at the welcome desk They're out at the table Out in the sanctuary overflow You're welcome to pick one up And use it as a guide

[9 : 43] For your prayer time There's all kinds of good information And helpful stuff For you in there Are you all joyful this morning? Amen Happy last day of summer If you know me You know I am going to be Milking that And enjoying that For all it's worth Because fall will be Coming in tomorrow And I am always blessed By a beautiful warm summer day What are you blessed by This morning?

Yes Judy Praise God Amen Amen And we are believing That God hears and answers prayer Amen Other joys to share this morning?

I know you've got some in your heart Well God has blessed us abundantly And we want to return back Some of that blessing to the Lord Not because we have to But because we love God And we love the work That God does in our midst So let's return Some of that joy In our gifts, tithes, and offerings One day when heaven Was filled with his praises One day when heaven Was filled with his praises One day when sin was as black as could be Jesus came Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin Dwelt among them My example is he

The word he gave flesh and the light shine upon us His glory revealed Living he loved me Dying he saved me Buried he carried My sins far away Riding he saved me Riding he justified Riding he justified Riding he forever One day he's coming O glorious day O glorious day He gave him He gave him And he gave him What Calvary's mountain One day they bailed him To die on a tree Suffering anguish Despised and rejected Bearing our sins My Redeemer is thee A hand that healed nations

Stretched out on a tree And took the nails for me Riding he loved me Dying he saved me Buried he carried My sins far away Riding he justified Riding for heaven One day he's coming O glorious day O glorious day One day the grave would conceal him no longer One day the stone rolled away from the door Then he arose Then he arose over Death he had conquered Now he's ascended My Lord evermore Death could not hold him But grave could not keep him

[14 : 00] From rising again Living he loved me Dying he saved me Dying he saved me Dying he saved me Buried he carried Buried he carried My sins far away Rising he justified Freely forever Rising he justified Freely forever One day he's coming One day he's coming One day he's coming Oh glorious day Oh glorious day Oh glorious day Glorious day One day the trumpet will sound for his coming One day the skies with his glories will shine Wonderful day my big love come bringing My Savior Jesus is mine Living He loved me, dying He saved me

Buried He, buried my sins were away Rising He justified, freely forever One day He's coming, O glorious day O glorious day O glorious day O glorious day O glorious day Praise God, Lord, whom all my sins fall Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him, all happy and beholds

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen Dear Heavenly Father, we do give you thanks and praise for this day For the opportunity to gather and worship you in spirit and in truth To give and offer to you all of the gifts that you have blessed us with so abundantly We ask, Lord God, that with these financial offerings And also the offerings of the spiritual gifts that you would have given us We pray that you would bless them all Use them for the furtherance of your kingdom Give us the wisdom we need to know how to administer them well That many would come to salvation in Jesus Christ And the world would be blessed because of you We pray especially for the offering that has been made for UMCOR, Lord God

For the work that that organization continues to do On behalf of the needs of people who have been devastated in their lives We just pray in Jesus' name that they would be blessed To be the blessing you call them to be In all the places in the world you have called them to In Jesus' name we pray Amen Please be seated All right, with these concerns and those that are on your heart That we haven't spoken out loud Knowing that God hears and answers our prayer And knows what we need before we even ask Join me in prayer Either from your seats or at the rail Gracious God of all creation You pour out blessings So abundant that we cannot even contain them And you call us

In the midst of trouble To join together with you As we seek to see others blessed By healing miracles By healing of relationships By healing of physical bodies Healing in people's spirits Their souls and their bodies Healing of relationships That are on a personal level And those that go beyond Within our communities Within the wider world Among nations, Lord God You desire for peace That passes all understanding You desire for unity in the Holy Spirit That is beyond anything that we can understand Or even begin to create on our own We need your grace, Lord We need your mercy We need your help To accomplish all these things that you desire

[19 : 12] As you are healing Your whole world And everything that's in it Everyone that's in it We lift up, Lord God All of those who are in need of healing Touch them from the tops of their heads To the soles of their feet In their spirits, their souls And their bodies And make them whole Give wisdom to their doctors and nurses Their caregivers Compassion to those who are looking after them Patience As they await their time of recovery In whatever form that may take According to your perfect will We pray for those who are grieving losses We pray for those who are facing An impending immediate loss, Lord That is going to come

We pray for peace for each and every one We pray for your comfort As your spirit draws near Help each and every one to have eyes to see And ears to hear And hearts and minds To understand and receive The blessings that you are pouring out Into their lives Even now Even in the midst of their troubles We pray for all of the folks, Lord God Who are recovering from disasters Those that have come from natural causes, Lord And also from man-made disasters Man-made violence We pray for your salvation And healing power to be poured out Into all of the lives of the people affected We pray for salvation And for repentance on the part of those

Who cause such harm And we pray, Lord God That wherever it is that you need to touch Each one of us this day You would reach us Open our hearts, Lord God Give us in ourselves a willingness To be willing to hear from you Those things that we need To change So that we might become more like Jesus Than we have ever been before So that we might be a brighter Shinier witness For your love and your mercy So that we might be the salt of the earth Speaking forth your truth in love We pray, Lord God That with every song we sing Every prayer we pray Every scripture verse we hear And the message as it's interpreted Through the sacrament of Holy Communion, Lord God

All of these ways That we are able to reach you and touch you That you are reaching out to us To touch us That we would connect And we would be different So that we can affect your world As you would have us do so Be with Pastor Tom As he delivers the message You have given him for us this day Let it touch our hearts And our minds And our spirits In the way you have intended For each of us As individuals And for this church As a part of your body of Christ In Jesus' name we pray Amen Shall we hear from the word of the Lord?

Today's reading is from Romans chapter 14 verses 1 through 10 Accept the one whose faith is weak Without quarreling over disputable matters One person's faith allows them to eat anything But another whose faith is weak Eats only vegetables The one who eats everything Must not treat with contempt the one who does not And the one who does not eat everything Must not judge the one who does For God has accepted them Who are you to judge someone else's servant?

[23 : 40] To their own master Servants stand or fall And they will stand For the Lord is able to make them stand One person considers one day more sacred than another Another considers every day alike Each of them should be fully convinced In their own mind Whoever regards one day as special Does so to the Lord Whoever eats meat Does so to the Lord For they give thanks to God And who abstains Does it to the Lord And gives thanks to God For none of us Lives for ourselves alone And none of us dies for ourselves alone If we live We live for the Lord If we die We die for the Lord So whether we live or die We belong to the Lord For this very reason Christ died And returned to life So that he may be the Lord Of both the dead

And the living You then Why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will stand before God's judgment seat This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God Thank you Judy Last night I really wasn't paying close attention to what I was wearing I had on a nice shirt But I also happened to be wearing a pair of jeans And I came over to church to lead worship And you can't imagine the comments I got About the fact that I was wearing jeans People even saying things like I didn't even know you own jeans I do own jeans But this is what people looked like When I went to church when I was young Notice all the women had hats It wasn't even Easter All the men had suits

And wait for the little girls to show up Now imagine them in jeans It just wouldn't have been the same This is the world I came up in This is why I wear a jacket and tie to church every week Other people say Well do we have to wear it?

No! You don't have to wear what you feel comfortable with But this is how I feel comfortable going to church It's interesting how we make these customs and these rules As if they are something sacred That was written about in the Bible 1 Corinthians chapter 10 says to us I have the right to do anything You say but not everything is beneficial I have the right to do anything But not everything is constructive No one should seek their own good But the good of others Because of the grace of God Whatever we might do Even if it were wrong God can forgive it Anything can be done But not everything is helpful In Paul's time They argued about eating meat Eating meat We have a fellow in the Old Testament Was like that He was going through a process Where they were preparing him To serve in the Persian court

He and a few other selected young men He happened to be Hebrew And they wanted to feed him meat Because that would make him good and healthy And he said No I will only eat vegetables Anybody have any idea who this was?

[27 : 21] Daniel Very good You know you guys have been good at guessing these Daniel Carrots What's up doc? I don't know if they had carrots back then Back there Why vegetables?

Why this obsession about what to eat? Is it wrong to be a carnivore? You have to ask your doctor Whether it's wrong for you But the reason why Daniel had a problem And the same reason why These people had a problem Didn't have anything to do with health In verse 2 it says One person's faith allows them to eat anything But another whose faith is weak Eats only vegetables Let me explain to you In the ancient day A lot of meat was offered in temples You see they didn't bring money for the offering They didn't bring coins They brought animals I want you to just picture the offering in that day A chicken here A cow there A sheep over there Kind of a messy situation if you think about it But what they would do Is they would bring these animals to the temple Not just the Jewish temple But all the temples They'd make a sacrifice to their god And then what they would do Is they would basically take a lot of the animals

And they'd have a giant barbecue They'd roast them all And everybody got to eat some meat Even the people that were poor And couldn't afford meat Got to eat meat It was sort of an income redistribution system But there was always meat left over So what do you do with these fine cuts of choice meat?

You put them in the temple market Where people would come to buy the food for their dinner The best cuts of meat were sold at temples So what Daniel was saying is He did not want to eat meat That was offered in honor of a foreign god Now was that meat going to hurt him?

Some people would say no Some people would say yes And so in Paul's time There were still people That had a difficulty with eating meat Because They thought that it was giving honor To a different god Christians disagree about a lot of things You might have noticed that We don't worship in the same buildings Because we can't agree on how we should worship We don't agree about how we should dress I went to a church Where the pastor said that Everybody who worked there Had to wear a black t-shirt A pair of jeans And some sandals I would have felt so uncomfortable That's not my world Different people have different rules And different music And everything else Verse 1 said Accept one another Without quarreling over disputable matters We have a lot of disputable matters In fact Christians have an ability to argue almost everything

[30 : 15] And anything John Wesley Who started the Methodist movement said In essentials we have to have unity In non-essentials We have to have liberty But in everything We have to have charity Some things are essential Some things simply are not When I was coming up in life The church taught me a lot of things They guided me In trying to understand Right from wrong Good from bad What were the kind of things That would guide my life Please God And help other people To think that I was doing good They taught me the Ten Commandments Some Christians think They're the Ten Suggestions They taught me the Sermon on the Mount How Jesus reinterpreted those commandments To be even more difficult to keep They taught me most of all

About the forgiveness of God Now how about We don't have to be perfect But then again Once we have been forgiven We're expected to repent Or turn around Or change And sin no more They taught me the Scripture In Timothy it says to us That all Scripture is God-breathed Useful for teaching Rebuking Correcting And training in righteousness So that the servant of God May be thoroughly equipped For every good work The church taught me a lot The Christian religion Has given me great value And religion The rules of our faith Our morals They're not essential But they can help us To keep the faith Religion is kind of like A fence around the faith Keeping us from doing What's wrong Keeping us in a safe place Sometimes more than what we need How many fish arrive

In western New York On a weekend It must come in By the train loads Have you ever thought About that? I've tried to get a fish fry Like buffalo serves Somewhere else in the country They don't even know What I'm talking about But we have fish fries Everywhere Some of you may have No idea why Western New York Has a high concentration Of people who belong To the Roman Catholic faith And for the longest time They believed That you cannot Should not eat meat On So they came up with fish Fish isn't meat It just swims in the sea I have never figured out Why fish is not meat But that you'll have to work out Gotta have some compromise I guess Now was it really essential That you don't eat meat On Fridays?

Of course not And even the Vatican Has said No this isn't really An essential part of our faith But what it does Is it helps us Every week As we're going out To celebrate with our friends To remember Jesus You see?

So that we don't forget our faith Even at a time When we would normally Not even think about God So the religion Helps point us to faith Because we need These little reminders sometimes Verse 5 says to us One person considers One day more sacred Than another Another considers Every day alike Last day of summer Beautiful sunny day I knew there'd be people Missing today Not to mention Tithing at 10% Out to the stadium In Orchard Park I knew we'd be A little light Thank you for showing up You have no idea How encouraging it is To see all of you here I don't know if you know But usually in the summer We take 50 seats out This year we didn't Some people were saying You notice how There weren't as many people In church No there were just A lot more chairs Than you're used to We should have kept them out Taken them out Left them out There's something about

[34 : 38] The Sabbath About one day a week Remembering God Because the truth of the matter is For some people We actually would forget God We have other things to do It's a beautiful day Let's go to the lake Let's go to the football game Let's go hang out In the parking lot For 14 hours And I'm not gonna go there There's so much to do It would be easy To forget God So the Sabbath As Jesus said Was made for people Not people for the Sabbath It's not like today Is really any more special Than yesterday Actually yesterday Is the Sabbath The Sabbath is a Saturday We have Sabbath worshipers You're Sunday worshipers You worship on the Lord's Day It's a good day too But you could be worshiping Every week on a Tuesday Or Thursday Or Wednesday That would be okay But do we remember See the religion Helps us

Helps us to remember Whose we are And who we are But it's not That keeping the rules Is the point Because none of us Can keep the rules Have any of you ever Messed up I mean really done Something wrong Anybody here Or is it just me Because like I do it all the time I mess up all the time And here's something Maybe you don't know About Christians They mess up too And I don't just mean Individually We mess up When we get together Sometimes And try to decide What's right and wrong For about 200 years The Christian faith Was one of the Moral supports For slavery Until finally They realized Hey This isn't right You know And so we became A moral force Against slavery And really It's because of the church There are no slaves In this country But it wasn't

Because we were Against it In the first place Heck Do you know There was a time We used to persecute People If they said That the earth Revolved around The sun Because everybody Knows the sun Revolves around The earth Just look up At the sky We messed up A lot of things Over the years Judging Others Is something We do But we do it Really To kind of Deflect from Our own Struggles You see If we can Point to Somebody else's Fault If we can Point to Someone else's Ear If we can Look at Somebody else's Problems Somehow Somehow It makes Us feel Not so Bad About Who we are A lot Of people Like the Verse in Matthew That says Judge Not Whoops That's not The one I was thinking Matthew 7 I skipped One Sorry guys Do not Judge Do not judge Or you too Will be judged

For in the same Way you judge Others You will be judged And the measure And the measure You use Will be measured To you You see The truth is All we hear Is judge Not lest you Be judged And what people Think is that We don't have To have any Moral boundaries We don't have To have any Rules We don't have To have any Understanding We don't have To have any Right or wrong Everything is Just loose And whatever That's not what The scripture Is telling us That's not what Our faith tells us That's not certainly What our church Tells us What it says Is that we Want to be Forgiven When we do Wrong Amen And if we Want to be Forgiven When we do Wrong Then we need To be willing To forgive Others when They do wrong Against us Because it's Not just True with People That when You judge Other people Regularly You will be

Judged More strictly By others But it's True with God too You've Heard that Prayer I imagine Somewhere Forgive us Our sins In the Same way Right As We forgive Those Who sin Against us The key Is Is we're Not the Judge In verse Three It says To us The one Who eats Everything Must not Treat with Contempt The one Who does Not And the one Who does Not eat Everything Must not Judge the One who Does For God Has accepted Them And if God accepts Your brother And sister Then we Need you Too Because we're Not the Judge In God's Eyes We're all Sinners In God's Eyes We've all Fallen short Of the Glory You then Who judge Your brother Or sister Why do you Treat them With contempt Because we're All going to Stand before God's Judgment seat And God

[39 : 39] Will declare All have Sinned And fallen Short of The glory Of God None Of us None of Us can Stand by Who we Are Who are You to Judge Someone else's Servant To their Own master Servant Stand or Fall No one's Able to Stand on Their own Morality Only on What God Is able To do With us So when We look At other People We need To remember How the World is Looking back At us Here troops At us Look included Who are Heavenly To noch Let!NT Stand To As Sal ag möglich

Person to Nar Alice Thank you.

Thank you.

And to help each other to understand the truth. One of the things I absolutely love about this congregation is you people don't agree with each other about almost everything.

Except Jesus. You probably wouldn't listen to the same TV channels. Vote for the same people. But you still love each other.

[42 : 06] And it's in the conversation with people who don't think like us that we learn the real truth. Our purpose is to bring people closer to God.

To love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love each other. That doesn't mean we don't have a right to determine sin. We do.

In verse 5 it says, Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. God will make clear to us what we do wrong.

I know the journey I've taken from when I was young to a little older to a little older to just a little while ago. To even this day of what God revealed to me as being wrong in my life.

And let me tell you, the stuff God is talking to me about now, he didn't care about before. And the stuff he talked about before, sometimes I'm not going to tell you what it was. God takes care of pointing out what we need to know.

[43 : 11] Daniel wasn't saying it was wrong for other people to eat meat. He was saying it was wrong for him. And he had to be true to what God had revealed to himself.

When my wife and I go out to eat, she's allergic to wheat. And I shouldn't eat sugar. And so we look at each other.

I'm eating bread. And she's dying because she wants the bread. She wants dessert. And she's not sure if she should eat it because I'm going to be tempted. Go ahead, honey. Have it.

Just because I can't eat it doesn't mean you shouldn't. Just because you can't eat it doesn't mean I can't. We need to be true to ourselves.

And let God reveal to each one of us what's right and wrong. You see, we have to believe that God has that ability. One of the problems we have is we don't trust that God knows how to do his job.

[44 : 12] We think somehow it's our responsibility to point out the imperfections in other people because God can't take care of that. I promise you, if you've ever prayed to God, he'll let you know what you need to work on and what your neighbor does as well.

That's why we go before God every week. Because each of us needs to deal with our own sin. Shall we pray? Dear God in heaven, I have sinned.

I've done things wrong. I've done things wrong. You know what they are. You know what they are. And I do too. I do too. Forgive me, Lord.

Forgive me, Lord. Guide me to do what's right. Guide me to do what's right. Help me to repent. Help me to repent. And sin no more. Sin no more. In Jesus' name we pray.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. And you know, God loved us. Not because we were perfect. Not because we got everything right. Not because we were excellent. He loved us because he's God.

[45 : 17] Even when we were sinners. And that proves how much God loves you and me. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Glory to God.

Amen. So what are the essentials? The essentials are very simple. God will forgive anything you take to him.

And your job is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love the people made in his image. The way you'd want to be loved. Platinum rule from John 13.

Remember it? A new command I give you. Love one another as I have loved you. So you must love one another. God loves you. In spite of your failings.

In verse 7 it says, None of us lives for ourselves. None of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live for the Lord and if we die, we die for the Lord. So that we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

[46 : 16] And we need to live out that love. Toward God and towards each other. Because sometimes we think we know what's going on. But it's not always true.

Awesome job.

You know what I'm thinking? Snack time. Let's go. Okay.

Let's see what we have here. Which one do you want? That wasn't nice of Rachel.

Where did she pick up those greedy tendencies? Taking both apples and biting into them. That's so unlike her. Dad. Dad.

[47 : 25] Dad. Dad. What is it, honey? Have this one. This apple's more juicier and sweeter. The book of Colossians tells us, Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive one another. If any one of you has a grievance against someone, forgive as the Lord forgave you. IGNS who played into the n sizes the body is caring Bodies of the gathers Bodies of the gathers Why are the minds you're arming demons with these neeworthy His hands heave me, why are His words teaching?

And if we are the body, why are His feet going? Why is His love not showing? Then there is a way, there is a way.

The traveler is far away from home, he sheds his coat.

He quietly sinks into the back row. The way of their judgment, no glances, doubt Him at His chances.

[49 : 45] The way of their judgment, no glances, doubt Him at all. The way of their judgment, no glances, doubt Him at all.

Why are His hands heave me, why are His words teaching? And if we are the body, why are His feet going?

Why is His love not showing? Then there is a way. Jesus made much too high a price.

For us to think it should come. We are the body of Christ. But if we are the body, why are His hands teaching?

Why are His hands heave me, why are His words teaching? And if we are the body, why are His feet going?

[50 : 59] Why are His words teaching?

For us to think something officer taught now at all. Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

[53 : 52] Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Worthy is the king who conquered the grave Worthy is the lamb who was slain Worthy is the king who conquered the grave Worthy is the lamb who was slain Worthy, worthy, worthy This is amazing grace This is unfailing love That you would take my place That you would bear my throne To learn down the line That I would be set free Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me Now as forgiven children of God, let's greet our neighbor with the peace of the Holy Spirit

Yeah, you know That's a new one That's newish for us That's newish for us That's newish for us So I love you Love you Amazing grace

How sweet the sound Amazing love Now flowing out Imagine we That would make you a dream Grace holds down in our team Like others in me Like others in me Like others in me Like others in me Like others in me

[57 : 43] Like others in me Amen Amen Amen For God so loved the world That he gave his one and only son That whoever believes in him Shall not perish But have eternal life For God did not send his son into the world To condemn the world But to save the world through him Whoever believes in him Is not condemned This is what we celebrate When we come to the table The grace that comes down from God That covers us That washes us clean By the blood of Jesus Because of his death and resurrection Everyone is welcome to come And celebrate at the table Not because I invite you But because Jesus has invited you

God loves us so much That he says Come and partake Of all that I have for you He will bless us through this He will be present in us Because of it So come to the table this morning Come and be blessed In a way you've never been blessed before Everyone is welcome If you love him If you repent of your sin And seek to live in peace As a child of God A disciple of Jesus Christ You are welcome at the table this morning Come as God calls you Come expecting to receive from him The Lord be with you Lift up your hearts Lift up your hearts Lift up your hearts Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give our thanks to the Lord It is right And a good and joyful thing Always and everywhere To give thanks to you Father Almighty Creator of heaven and earth

You formed us in your image And breathed into us The breath of life When we turned away And our love failed Your love remained steadfast You delivered us from captivity Made covenant To be our sovereign God And spoke to us Through your prophets And so with your people on earth And all the company of heaven We praise your name And join their unending hymn Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might Heaven and earth Are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest Holy are you And blessed is your son Jesus Christ Your spirit anointed him To preach good news to the poor To proclaim release to the captives And recovering of sight To the blind To set at liberty Those who are oppressed And to announce That the time had come When you would save your people

He healed the sick Fed the hungry And ate with sinners By the baptism of his suffering Death and resurrection You gave birth to your church Delivered us from slavery To sin and death And made with us a new covenant By water and the spirit And on the night In which he gave himself up for us He took bread And he gave thanks to you He broke the bread And gave it to his disciples Saying take and eat This is my body Which is given for you Do this in remembrance of me And when the supper was over He took the cup Again he gave you thanks and praise And gave it to his disciples He said drink from this all of you This is the cup of my blood The blood of the new covenant Poured out for you Poured out for many

For the forgiveness of sin Do this as often As you drink it In remembrance of me And so In remembrance of these Your mighty acts In Jesus Christ We offer ourselves In praise and thanksgiving As a holy and living sacrifice In union with Christ's offering for us As we proclaim the mystery of faith Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again Pour out your Holy Spirit On us gathered here And on these gifts of bread and wine Make them be for us The body and blood of Christ That we may be for the world The body of Christ Redeemed by his blood By your Spirit Make us one with Christ One with each other And one in ministry to all the world Until Christ comes in final victory And we feast at his heavenly banquet Through your Son Jesus Christ With the Holy Spirit

[62 : 50] In your Holy Church All honor and glory Is yours Almighty Father Now and forever Amen Shall we pray together The prayer Jesus taught us 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 trespasses As we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever Amen Will those who are serving Please come forward Lord and ■■■ Amen Amen

Amen Amen Amen Amen. Amen.

If you're able, I'm going to invite you to stand as we're going to sing together, How Can We Name a Love?

How can we name a love that wakens heart and mind?

In dwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find, Within our daily world, in every human place, Love's echo sound and God is found in the common place.

[66 : 21] So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet, Our presence sends tension at work, at home or in the street.

Yet every name we see shines in a brighter sun, In Christ alone is love, whole ground, and life and hope be done.

I was probably 16 or 17 years old. We were the generation that was messing up the whole world. And I wasn't going to have some uptight people telling me I couldn't wear jeans to church, so I wore jeans to church one Sunday.

I got to tell you the truth, nobody said a word. Nobody said a word to my parents. Nobody gave me a bad glance. Nobody gave me a look or anything else. And I think until last night that's the last time I wore jeans to church.

Because those people gave me Christ. They gave me Jesus. They taught me how to love. They taught me how to forgive. They taught me what the scripture was. So I do what they do. And I'll probably do it until the end of my life.

[67 : 42] Not because you have to dress like me for church. Not because you have to eat vegetables. But because we love each other. And we accept each other as we are.

And we let God work on each other. And work on us. May God bless you and go with you. And work on you. Today and always. Go into peace. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen.

[71 : 12] Amen. Amen.

Amen.