Bay United Methodist Church - Reverend Lisa Kropinak

Summer Outdoor Worship - September 13, 2026- 8:00 am

Greeting & Welcome

Call to Worship:
Liturgist: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.
People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.
Liturgist: The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.
People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.
Liturgist: We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.
People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.
Liturgist: In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.
People: God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen. Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026.

Scripture: Matthew 18: 21- 35 (p. 20 NT)

Hymn: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sermon: Tattle Tales

Hymn*: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

Closing Prayer: Thank you great Lord, for healing and restoring us. Teach us this week, to appreciate this great gift of life, and to use it in your service and the service of our brothers and sisters, for Christ's sake. Amen. (Rev. Lionel Fanthorpe 1935-Present)

Benediction

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

2 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

3 In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

2 There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

3 For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

4 If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

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