

Community of Christ

Chicago Mission Center

September 13, 2026

HOW OFTEN SHOULD WE FORGIVE?

Matthew 18:21-35

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

Jacki Duval

WELCOME

Linda Meyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader 1, Linda Meyer, Reader 2, Jan Dowell

HYMN of PRAISE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CCS #13

INVOCATION

*Response

Jayne Ackley

HYMN of CONFESSION

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

CCS #564

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Light the peace candle

Jan Dowell

FOCUS MOMENT

Linda Meyer

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:21-35 NLTse

Sylvia Elrod

SERMON

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DISCIPLES' GENEROUS RESPONSE

Receiving and Blessing of Local and Worldwide Mission Tithes

Madelyn Smith

CLOSING HYMN

"God Forgave My Sin in Jesus Name"

CCS #627

BENEDICTION

"The Lord's Prayer"

ALL RECITE

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Indicates Response

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, CCS 13

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest—to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Thou dwellest in glory, thou reignest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we should render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Spirit, Open My Heart, CCS 564

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
Spirit, open my heart.

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.
Spirit, open my heart.

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.
Spirit, open my heart.

God Forgave My Sin in Jesus' Name, 627

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name; I've been born again in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you to share his love as he told me to.

*He said, "Freely, freely you have received: freely, freely give.
Go in my name and, because you believe, others will know that I live."*

All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you to share his power as he told me to.