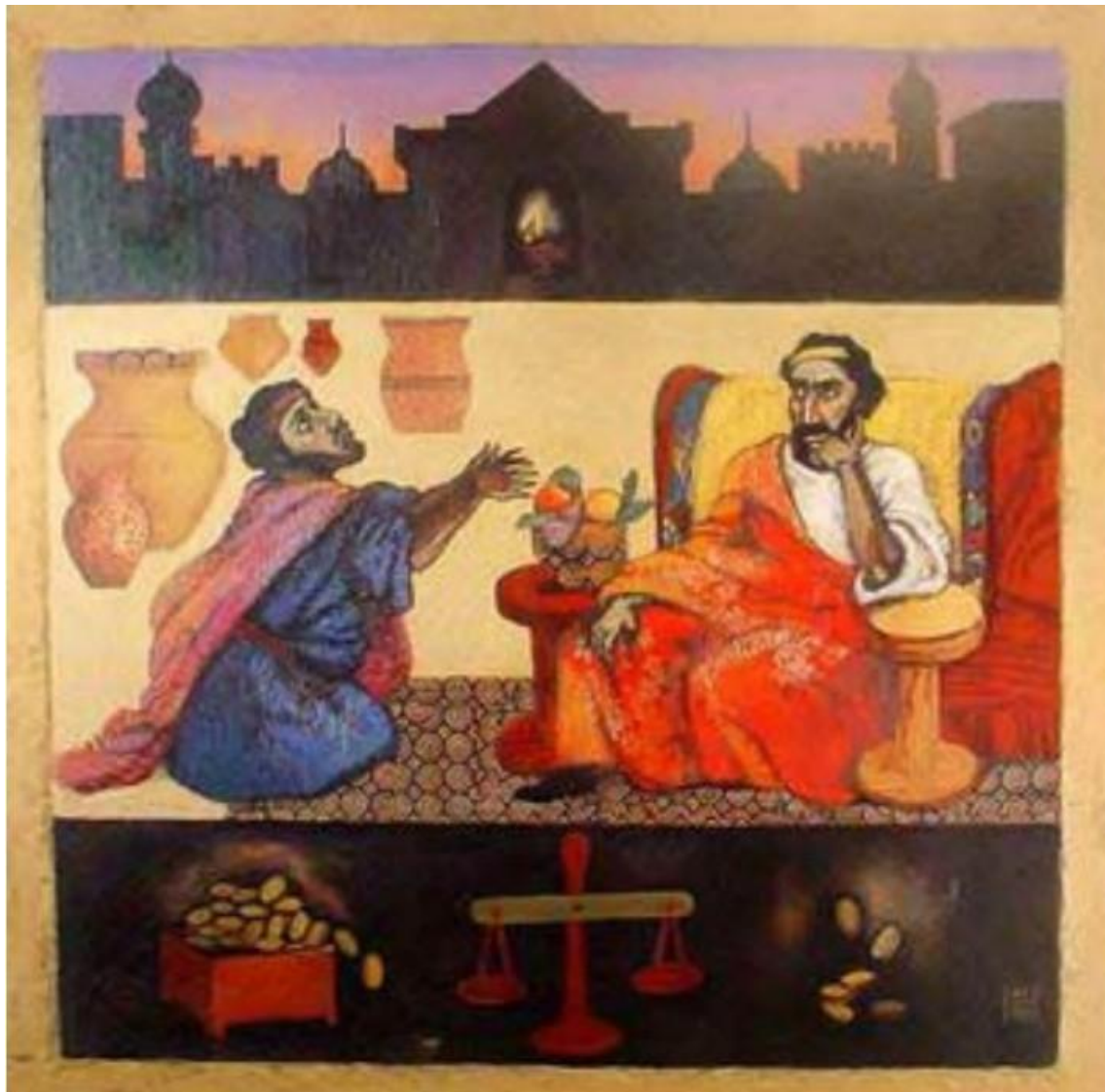


FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate
in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*



The Unforgiving Servant by Kazakhstan Artist Nelly Bube

One Service Sunday
September 13, 2026
10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken
(see insert)

BUNESSAN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence during this time of worship we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our manifold sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sam Harding

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 14:19-31 (OT, pg. 61)
Matthew 18:21-35 (NT pg. 20)

Morgan Oberlin

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith—PCUSA*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION**HYMN**

*Amazing Grace
(see insert)*

AMAZING GRACE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

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** Please stand as you are able.*

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. John Bell, Interim Senior Pastor (john@fcpc.us)
The Rev. Cheryl Khylllep, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)
Morgan Oberlin, Liturgist
S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)
Sam Harding, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry (sam@fcpc.us)
Howard Havlicsek, Audio Engineer
Tommy Caldwell, Caretaker

For Children and Families during 10:00AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship. Children will be called to the front for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Youth Lounge**, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Kids Kingdom (Lowest Level).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (near the main entrance) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

See Highlights, page 3, for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

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