

Mid-Week Lenten Service
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

PRELUDE **“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child” – Anna Laura Page**
Ann Vogel, Organist

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: How many times shall we forgive?

People: As many as it takes.

Leader: We have been forgiven more than we could ever repay.

People: Yet we often hold tightly to what others owe us.

Leader: We remember the hurts. We replay the words. We carry the weight.

People: And still, Christ calls us to let go.

Leader: The mercy of God has canceled our debt.

People: So we come seeking hearts shaped by that same mercy.

Leader: Tonight we release our need to keep score.

People: We open our hands and receive grace.

Leader: Let us worship the God who forgives beyond measure.

People: And learn to live as people who do the same.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Merciful God, You have forgiven us more than we can measure, Yet we confess that we struggle to forgive others. We hold on to words that wounded us. We replay moments that hurt us. We keep quiet accounts of what we believe we are owed. Resentment settles into our hearts, and we carry it longer than we should. Forgive us for clinging to what You have called us to release. Soften what has grown hard within us. Free us from the weight of keeping score. Remind us of the mercy You have shown us, A mercy we did not earn and could never repay. Give us the courage to let go of resentment, Not because the hurt was small, but because Your grace is greater. Shape us into people who forgive as we have been forgiven. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #473** **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

SCRIPTURE TEXT **Matthew 18:21-35**

MESSAGE **“Letting Go of Resentment”** **Pastor Ed Karges**

***HYMN #451** **“Be Still, My Soul”**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **“Blest Be The Tie That Binds” – John Fawcett**