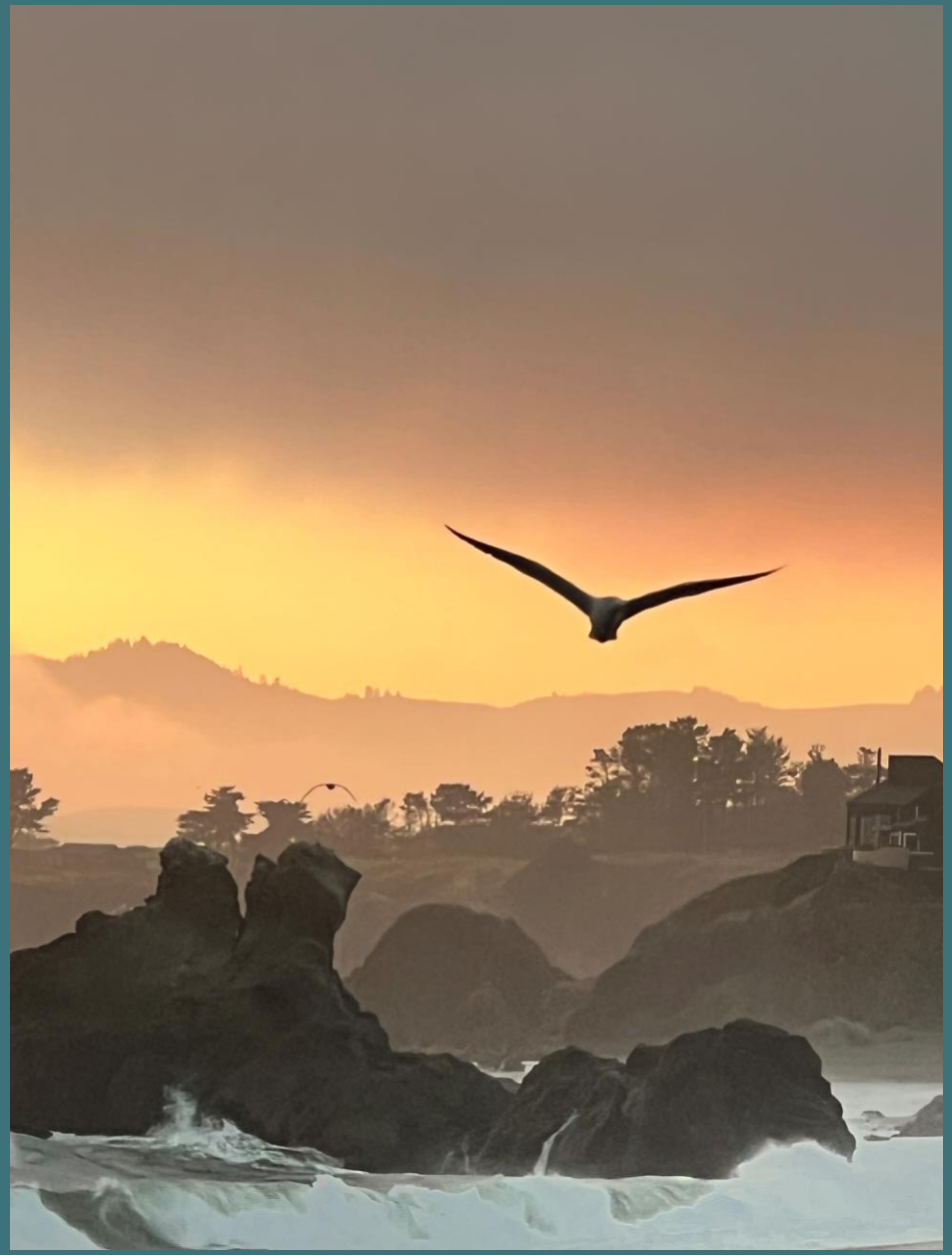

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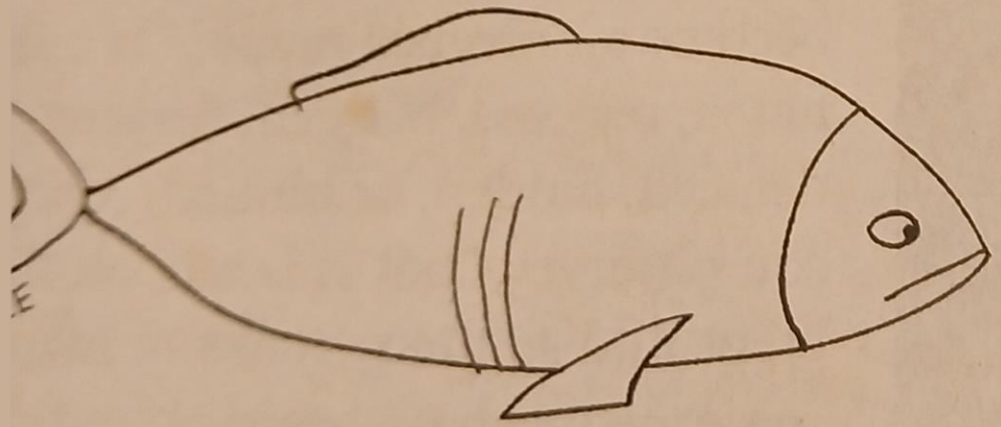
Sunday, June 7, 2026

Culmore United Methodist Church

Welcome and Good Morning!



PLEASE BITE SO I CAN JUST TAKE A PICTURE & PROVE TO MY FRIENDS THIS ISN'T A HUGE WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY THEN I PROMISE I'LL LET YOU GO.

Nelson

Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.

Communion
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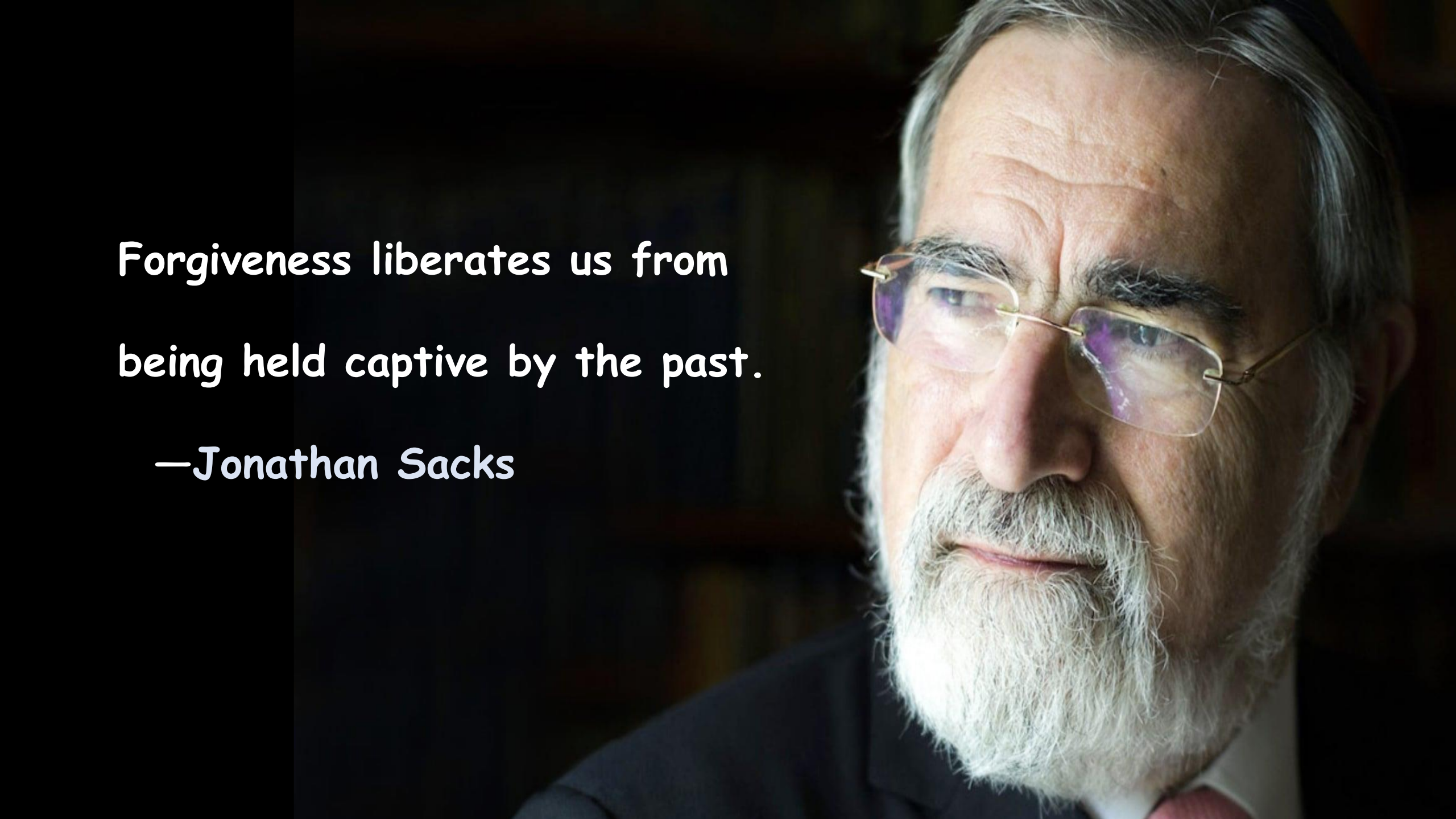
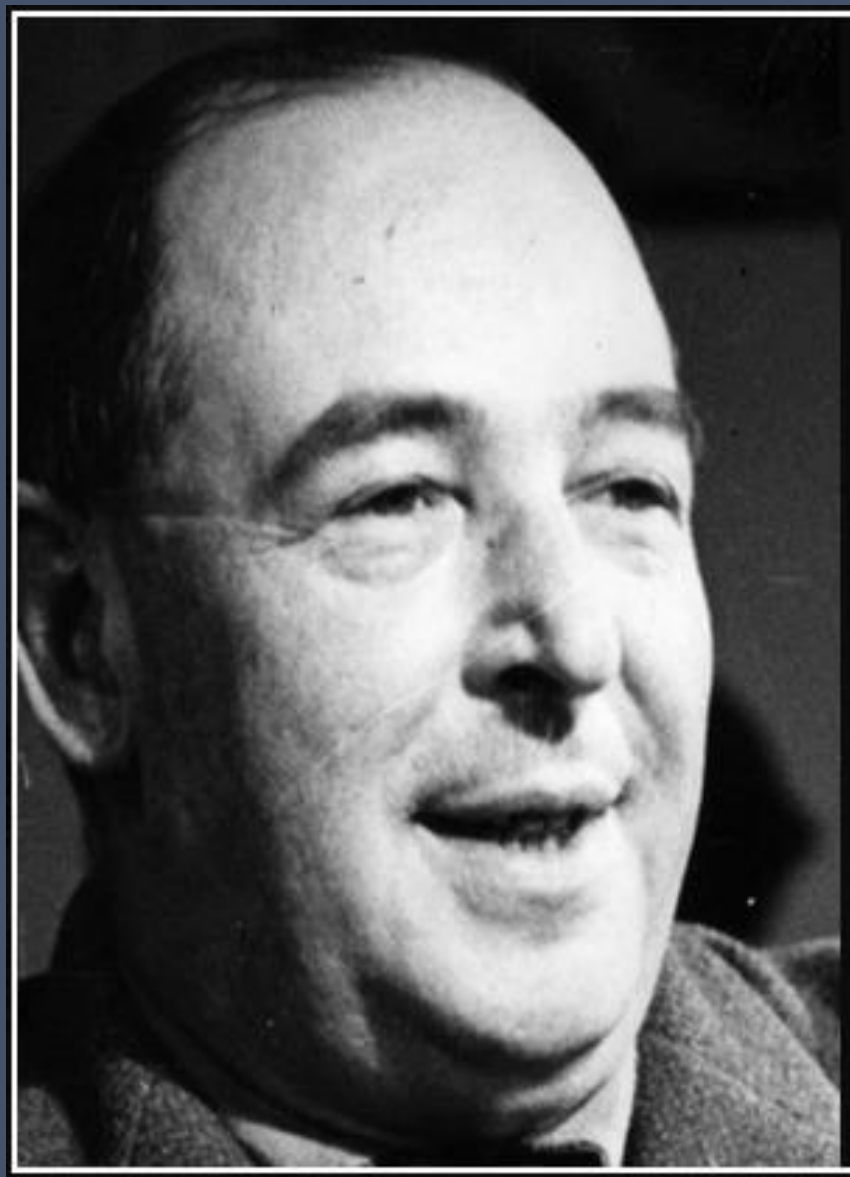
forgiveness

Forgiveness liberates us from

being held captive by the past.

—Jonathan Sacks





I think that if God forgives us we must forgive ourselves. Otherwise, it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him.

— C. S. Lewis —

Opening Prayer

Loving and understanding God,

How we wish we could do everything right, but we don't. How we wish we never let You or anyone down, and yet do. In spite of our best efforts, we often stumble.

Your servant Paul knew how this felt when he cried out, "*The things I want to do, I don't do. The things I DON'T want to do, that is what I do.*" Lord, we are like Paul. Even though we know You have promised us forgiveness, we find it hard to forgive ourselves.

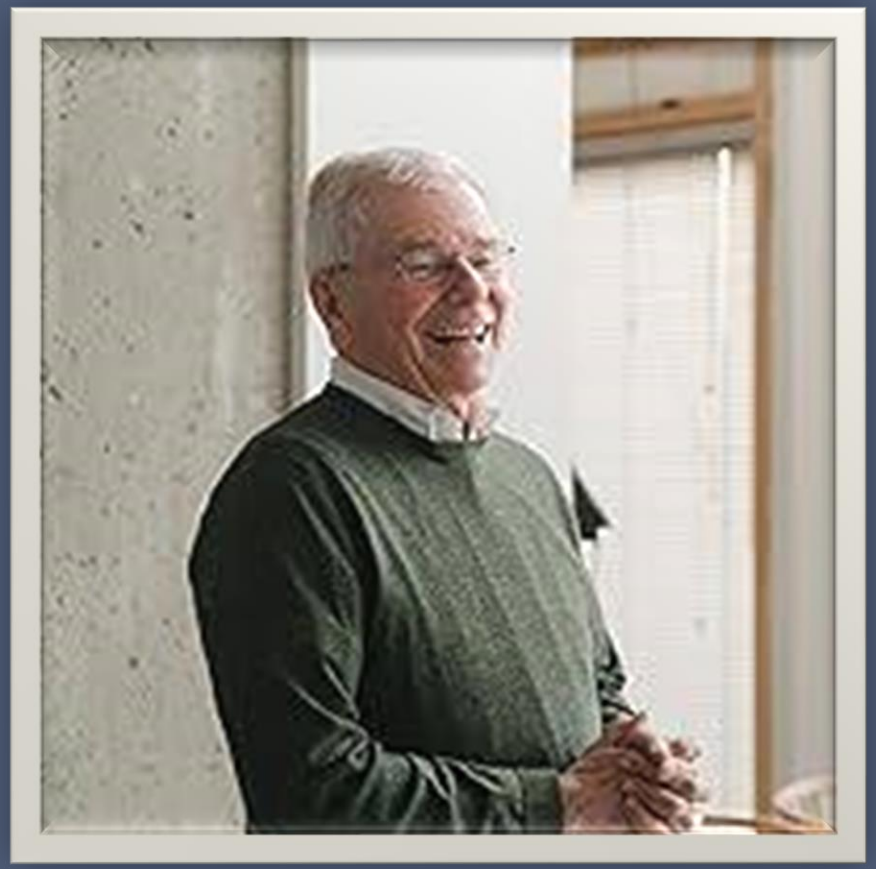
Remind us, Lord, that You forgive us. Help us then forgive ourselves. ***AMEN***

Amazing Grace – UMH 378

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

When we've been there 10,000 years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.



Rev. Darrell Johnson

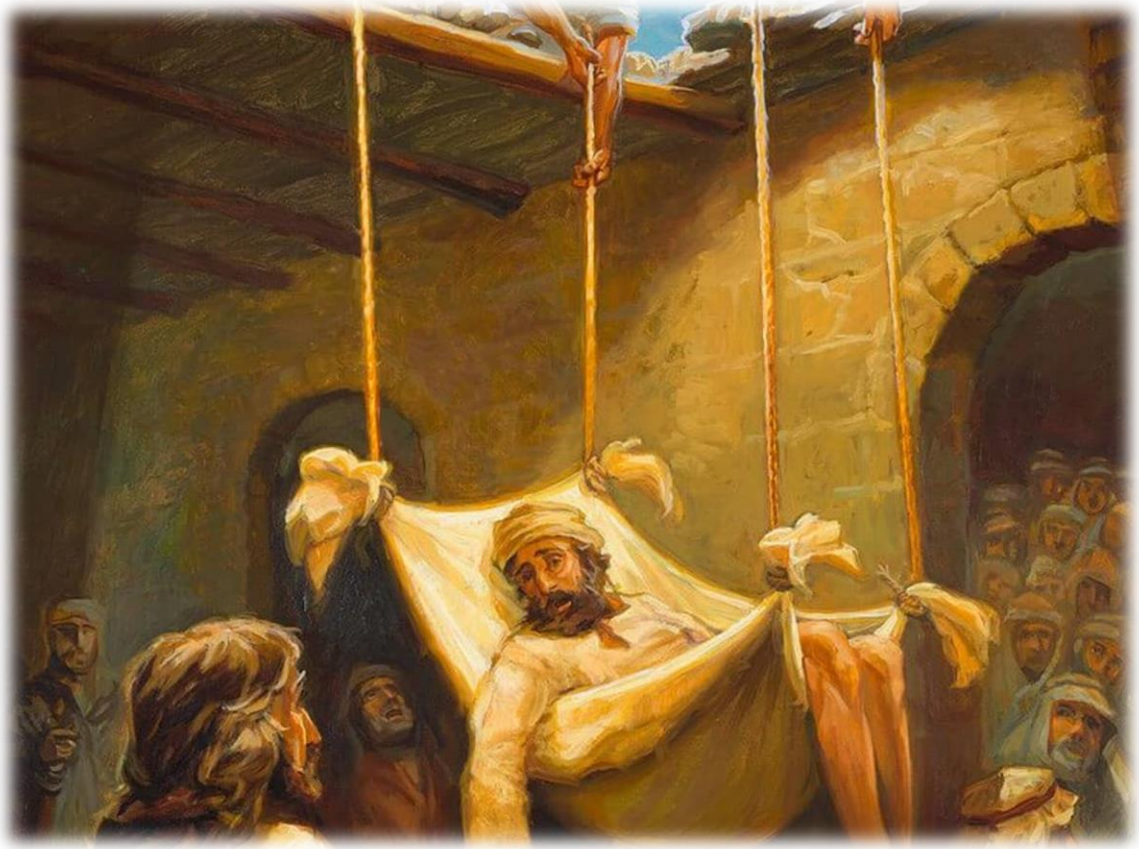
Mark 2: 2-12

When Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. Many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even near the door, and he was speaking the word to them.

Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Being unable to get to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Jesus, and after having dug through it , they lowered down the mat the man was lying on.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man,

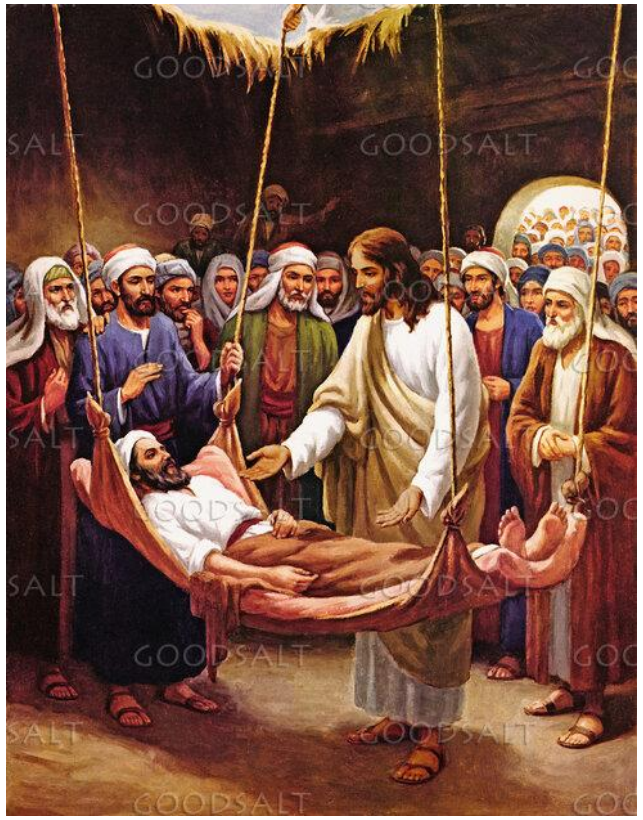
"***My child, your sins are forgiven.***"



Now some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "*Why does this fellow speak like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?*"

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?

Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."



So he said to the man, "*I tell you, rise, take your mat and go home.*"

He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "*We have never seen anything like this*!"

This man sinned;

that's why he's paralyzed.

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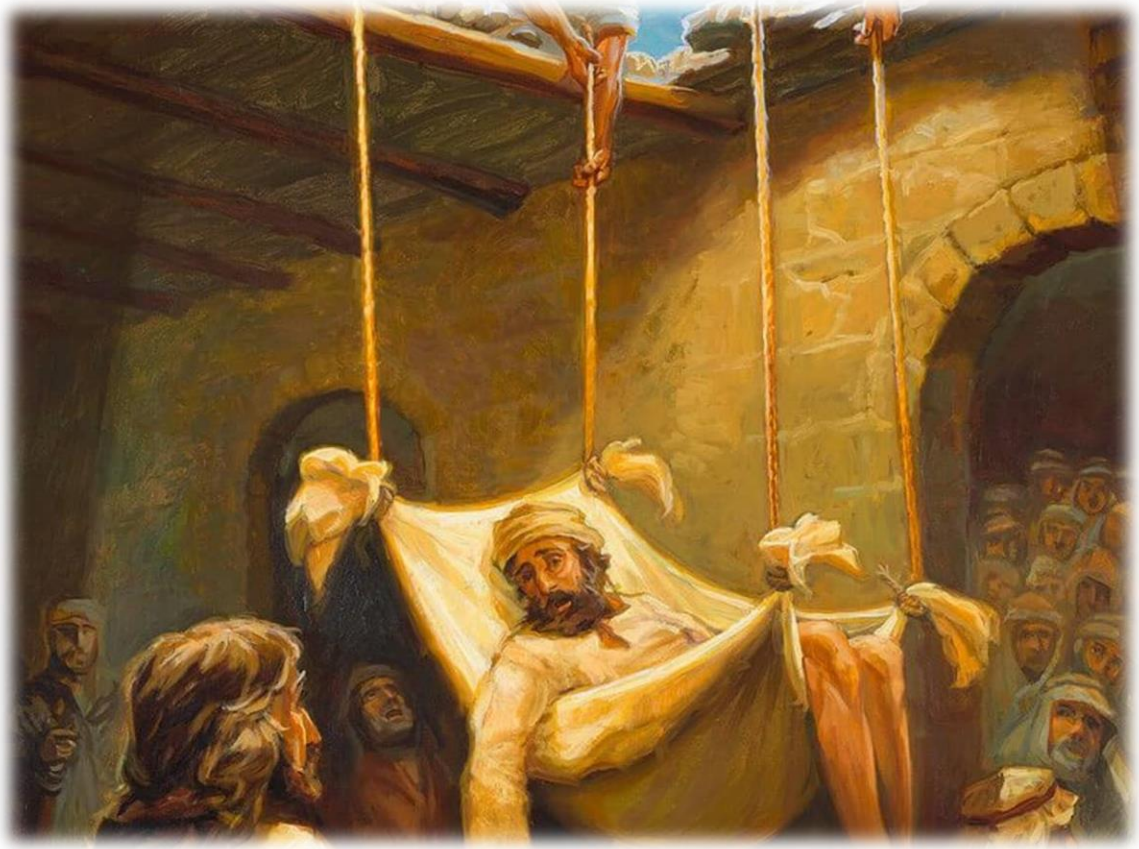

DISCOVERY NO. 1
The Church

My child, your sins are forgiven.

Have a Little Talk with Jesus – W&S 3107

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above
And just a little talk with my Jesus made me whole.

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer,
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day.
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies,
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

Have a little talk with Jesus.
Tell him all about our troubles
Hear our fainted cry,
answer by and by.
Feel a little prayer wheel turning,
Know a little fire is burning
Find a little talk with Jesus
makes it right.

Community Prayer

LORD Jesus, although we sometimes find it difficult to forgive others, it might be harder still to forgive ourselves. We know what we have done and the consequences of our actions. Knowing this, we can wonder how we could be forgiven. In our humanity, we can't imagine how You could forgive us, since we struggle to forgive ourselves.

LORD, let us never forget that You gave Your life for us so that we could be forgiven. You paid the price we could never pay ourselves. That was Your mission: to bring us back into right relationship with God. Help us realize that there is no sin that God will not forgive. ***Amen.***

Offering

We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

Doxology - UM Hymnal 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion

Art by Sue Carroll

Holy Communion

All are welcome to this, Christ's table, as we come together as one holy family. No one is beyond God's love and forgiveness. No one is so lost that they cannot be saved.

Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness

Our heavenly Father, You know how often we stumble.

We don't come to this table trusting in ourselves;

but instead, trusting in You and Your unfailing mercy.

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, which proves

His love and grace. We are a forgiven people. ***Amen***

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you;

People: ***and also with you.***

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Pastor: It is a good and joyful thing to always give thanks to you. Even when we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. And so we praise Your Holy name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,
God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who
Blessed is he who

Comes in the name of the Lord.
Comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took the bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, he gave thanks to You, gave it to his disciples, and said, "*Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as your 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.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Photo by James Gardner

All honor and glory is yours,

almighty God, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Blessing of the Elements

Loving and eternal God, 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 the entire world, until Christ comes in final victory. ***Amen***

Breaking of the Bread

Lifting of the Cup

Just as there is one loaf, we who are many are one body.

Just as we all partake of one loaf, the bread which we share

is also a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing of the Blood of Christ.

Partaking of the Elements

Benediction

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