



ARVADA
United Methodist Church

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**Sunday, September 13, 2026; 8:15 and 10:00 am
New Member / Baptism Sunday**

Gathering Music

Prelude

Forgive Us, Lord

8:15 am

Anna Piper, Tim Kennedy, and Jordan Ortman

10:00 am

Chancel Choir

(Raquel Mora Martinez, Jorge Lockward) CCLI Song # 3409466

Greeting

Rev. Matt Franks

Congregational Greeting

***Opening Hymn**

Help Us Accept Each Other

sung to the tune AURELIA – 545 (Samuel Sebastian Wesley, Fred Kaan)
One License # 01785

1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are, ourselves, accepted and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life;
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3 Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;

to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice, and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Receiving of New Members and Baptism

Congregational Response

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lauren Boyd

Offertory / Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music

8:15 am

Jordan Ortman

10:00 am

Confession

Chancel Choir

(Wendy Ferguson, Sue C. Smith, Heather Sorenson) One License # 90202

Scripture

Matthew 18:21-35 Common English Bible

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?"

Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn't have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should

be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, 'Please, be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan. "When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins.[c] He grabbed him around the throat and said, 'Pay me back what you owe me.'

"Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

"When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn't you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

"My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don't forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Response After Reading

Pastor: The Scripture of faith for the people of faith.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"In Tolerance, Not Limits"

***Closing Hymn** #372 - *How Can We Sinners Know*, vss. 1, 4, 5, 6

(Charles Wesley, arr. William Crotch)

1. How can we sinners know our sins on earth forgiven?
How can my gracious Savior show my name inscribed in heaven?

4. We by his Spirit prove and know the things of God,
the things which freely of his love he hath on us bestowed.

5. The meek and lowly heart that in our Savior was,
to us that Spirit doth impart and signs us with his cross.

6. Our nature's turned, our mind transformed in all its powers,
and both the witnesses are joined, the Spirit of God with ours.

***Benediction**

Sending Forth Music *Toccata in G Major*
(Johann Pachelbel)

Jordan Ortman

***Please stand as you are able.**

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