

First Parish  
CHURCH  
BRUNSWICK, MAINE



UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

## Welcome to worship! We are glad you are with us!

First Parish Church is open to everyone and welcomes participation in the full life, leadership, and ministry of the Church. We are a diverse congregation. We welcome persons of any race, gender, ethnic origin, mental or physical ability, religious tradition, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and economic circumstances. We affirm that the love of Christ for each person knows no bounds.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

### PRELUDE

*Gather Us In*  
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

John Behnke

### LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Laura Lee

### CALL TO WORSHIP

On the way of freedom,  
**Let us do justice.**

On the way of compassion,  
**Let us love kindness.**

On the way of community,  
**Let us walk humbly with God.**

### \*\*HYMN

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*  
(see back pages)

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### \*\*PRAYER

**O God, your strength is shown through charity and compassion.  
Help us to forgive as we have been forgiven  
and live in harmony with all creation.  
Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reverend Annette Mott

### SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Margo Knight

### INTRO to SCRIPTURE

Francesco Marshall

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Romans 14:1-12 and Matthew 18:21-35*

Francesco Marshall

### SERMON

Reverend Annette Mott

### ANTHEM

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
Quentin Englehart and Dr. Jane Hagness

Thomas A. Dorsey

## PRAYERS

Francesco Marshall

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God, 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 & OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

### HYMN

*Forgive our Sins as We Forgive*  
(see back pages)

### BENEDICTION

Dr. Jane Hagness

### POSTLUDE

*Recessional*  
Dr. Jane Hagness, organ

John Wiegand



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# Where Charity and Love Prevail

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Latin hymn, "Ubi caritas et amor," 9th century  
Paraphr. by Omer Westendorf, 1961; alt.

John 13:34-35; 15:9-12; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; 1 John 4:7-21

*With freedom*



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found; Brought  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true char - i - ty we learn; Let  
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess; And  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease; Be



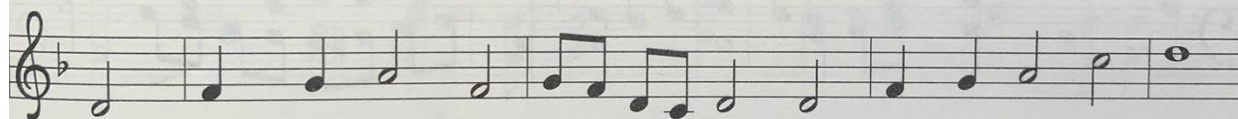
here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.  
us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.  
let us love each oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
Christ the glo - ry that we seek, be ours Christ's ho - ly peace.

Believed to date from the time of Charlemagne (768-814), this hymn was, before Vatican II (1962-1965), the last and indispensable song during the Maundy Thursday foot-washing service. Benedictine priest Paul Benoit composed many organ works.

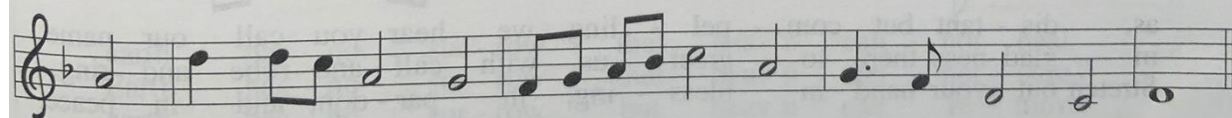
Tune: CHRISTIAN LOVE C.M.  
Paul Benoit, 1961  
Alternate tune: ST. FLAVIAN

# Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

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- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-1987, alt.

Music: *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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