



21st June 2020 Rev Donald Hegan

Welcome to worship

Pre-service:

- Cesar Franck – Intermezzo
- Boellmann – Verset
- Gustav Merkel – Pastorale

Call To Worship

Songs We're together again

Wherever I am

Hosanna, Hosanna,

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Announcements and Notices

God Moment

Offerings and Dedication

Collection: - Charles Gounod – Judex from “Mors et Vita”

Hymn I need thee every hour

Prayers for Others June Welton

Readings Genesis 44:14-34 Adrienne Lambert

Hymn My hope is built on nothing less

Sermon The Long Journey Toward Reconciliation pt 3

Hymn Love lifted me

Benediction Our Worship is Finished

Postlude – Psalm 18 (“I will praise Thee, O Lord”)



Elders on Duty for June: Ian Burns and Avis Currie

Organist John Carter

Pianist Rosemary Harris

Door Greeting Rona Green

Security Ron Buller

Prayer Chain We are available to pray for you, your friends and families in your joys and concerns. Please contact Glynnis (576 4814) or the office.

THE COMING WEEK (3rd)

Monday	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls
Tuesday	9.00 am– 9.25 am:	Staff Meeting, Donald's office
	9.30am	Fun Fitness in hall
Wednesday	3.15pm	St Columba Trust Meeting in crèche
Thursday	9.45am	Bible Study in crèche
Friday	9.00 am	Prayer meeting in crèche
	10.00 an	Cuppa & Chat in downstairs lounge
Sunday	8.45 am	Prayers
Wed/Thurs/Fri	10.00 am—4.00 pm:	Basement Boutique

Notice to the congregation.

'The St Columba' Session has called a special meeting of the Congregation on Sunday 21st June to elect 4 members to the Ministry Settlement Board. We are looking for representatives from a broad cross section of the Congregation. Two Session appointments have already been confirmed, and these are Neville Wilson and Janet Freeman. Following is a list of people who have agreed to allow their names to go forward for consideration. Please advise Neville Wilson of any additional nominations prior to midday day Saturday June 20th.

Nominations Received to date.

Pam Brown: Mark Kenyon-Slade: Glennis Smith: Alan Smith: Christine Christie: Brian Carr:

Notice of Motion.

That the congregation appoint the following members to represent them on the Ministry Settlement Board

Names to be included when verified, and the motion is put at the congregational meeting.

Neville Wilson. Session Clerk.

☞ WOW Breakfast: All women and your friends, welcome to attend. 8.30 am in the Church hall. Note the later time. **8.30am on the 11 July!**
Guest Speaker: Kate McCarthy - personal historian who creates 'Forget Me Not' life stories. Please fill out the clipboard.

☞ Ladies are invited!! Bethlehem Community Church Women's Ministry would like to invite you to a Pink Ribbon Morning Tea to raise funds for NZ Breast Cancer month in July.
Where - Bethlehem Community Church
When - 11 July at 10am How much - \$10
Tickets are available from Ruth in the Church office.



The Long Journey Towards Reconciliation Pt3

1. Compassionate Appeal (vv. 14-17).

Judah and his brothers ... they threw themselves to the ground before him.
v.14

Remember Judah's courage and compassion not his foolish sins

Judah didn't demand justice, but asks for mercy

God has uncovered your servants' guilt, God's justice was being visited upon them

It took twenty-two years for Joseph's cry to reach their hearts."

Judah sought to reaching to the heart of this cold and aloof man

2. Impassioned Speech (vv. 18-34).

If my father, whose life is closely bound up with the boy's life, sees that the boy isn't there, he will die. 30-31

The most moving address in all the Word of God Barnhouse

Jacob and Benjamin's life were bound together
Judah's father had hurt the brothers deeply

Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Not the Same

God expects forgiven people to forgive (Matthew 18:21-35). Yet forgiveness is different from reconciliation. It's possible to forgive someone without offering immediate reconciliation. Reconciliation is focused on restoring broken relationships. And where trust is deeply broken, restoration is a process—sometimes, a lengthy one.



Reconciliation is often conditioned on the attitude and actions of the offender. While its aim is restoration of a broken relationship, those who commit significant and repeated offenses must be willing to recognize that reconciliation is a process. If they're genuinely repentant, they will recognize and accept that the harm they've caused takes time to heal.

In many cases, even if an offender confessed his wrong to the one he hurt and appealed for forgiveness, the offended person could justifiably say, "I forgive you, but it might take some time for me to regain trust and restore our relationship." The evidence of genuine forgiveness is personal freedom from a vindictive or vengeful response (Romans 12:17-21), but not always an automatic restoration of relationship.

Even when God forgives our sins, he does not promise to remove all consequences created by our actions. Yes, being forgiven, restored, and trusted is an amazing experience, but it's important for those who hurt others to understand that their attitude and actions will affect the process of rebuilding trust. Words alone are often not enough to restore trust. When someone has been significantly hurt and feels hesitant about restoration with her offender, it's both right and wise to look for changes in the offender before allowing reconciliation to begin.

Prayer: God help me not only to forgive, but may I be reconciled to those who have wounded me deeply. In Jesus name I pray.

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