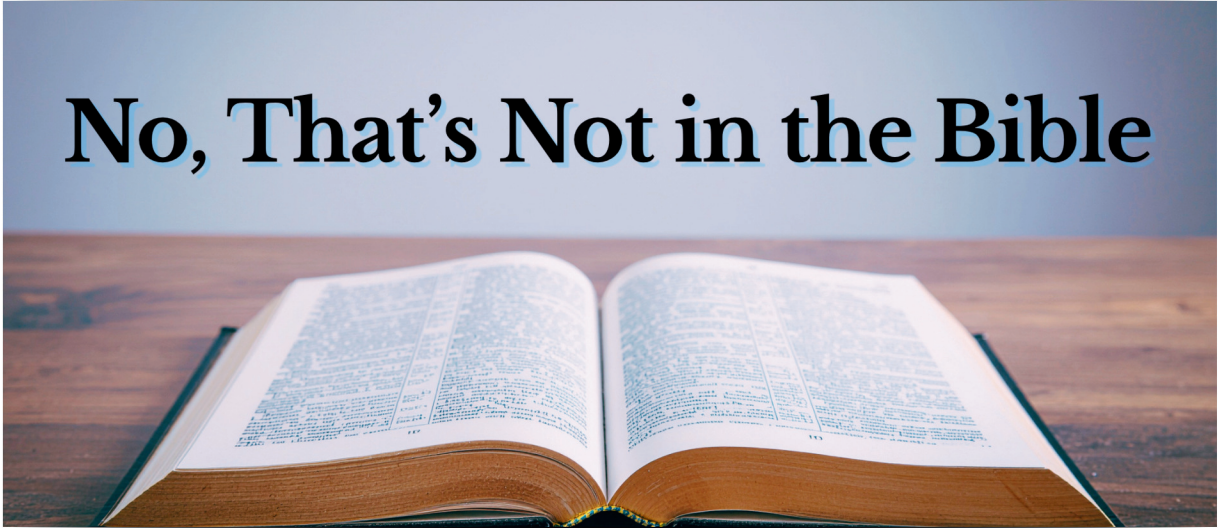


SERMON QUESTIONS

- How do you, “Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience?” Why do we find it difficult to “Bear with each other and forgive...”?
- Why do we hold grudges? In what ways do they hurt the person holding onto them?
- God has forgiven us of a debt that we could never repay. What excuse do we have for acting unwilling to forgive others?
- The four promises of forgiveness: (What do they mean to you?)
 - “I will choose not to think about this incident.”
 - “I will not harm you for this incident.”
 - “I will not bring up this incident again.”
 - “I will not allow this to stand between us.”



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10:30AM

Our Mission, here at First United Methodist Church, is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who **Love Boldly**, **Serve Joyfully**, and **Lead Courageously** in our local community and around the world. Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you have been, you matter to God and to us. **You Belong Here!** We pray your experience in our worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.
And be thankful. **Colossians 3:15**

+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS John White

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SPECIAL MUSIC Northwesternairs

+ CALL TO WORSHIP John White

Leader: You have been chosen, made holy, and dearly loved. Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
People: We come seeking hearts shaped by Christ, ready to bear with one another in love.
Leader: Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you, put on love, which binds us together in perfect unity.
People: For we are one body, called to live in His peace in Christ Jesus.
Leader: Let scripture dwell richly among you—teaching, encouraging, and singing in your hearts.
People: With thankful spirits, we lift our voices to God in praise.
Leader: In word or deed – let it be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.
People: We worship in His name, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Amen.

+ HYMN *The Gift of Love* UMH #408

+ OPENING PRAYER John White

Gracious and loving God, You call each of us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, yet we confess that we often choose our own way instead. You urge us to forgive as we have been forgiven, but we hold on to grudges and hurt. You ask us to let Christ’s peace rule in our hearts, yet we allow worry, pride, and division to take over. Forgive us, O Lord. Renew us in Your love and let Your word dwell richly in us so that all we do reflects the love, grace and mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME OF GREETING

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Judy Krites

+ SCRIPTURE Colossians 3: 12 – 17 Pew Bible Page #1167

+ RESPONSIVE HYMN *Gloria Patri* UMH #70

SERMON No, That’s not in the Bible:
“Too Err Is Humn, Forgive Divine” Rev. Craig Arnold

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Theme* by Zina Goldrich

Place your Offerings in the Plates coming through the Pews

+ DOXOLOGY *To God Be the Glory* UMH #98
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HOLY COMMUNION *The Great Thanksgiving* UMH #37

+ BENEDICTION Rev. Craig Arnold

POSTLUDE *Postlude* by Lani Smith

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LEADERS OF TODAY’S WORSHIP

<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Director of Music</u>	<u>Projectionist</u>	<u>Videographer</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Rev. Craig Arnold	Scott Turner	Mary Ann Falk	Dave Thompson	Youth
<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Sound Engineer</u>	<u>Screen Creators</u>	Neil Shaffer
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