

RACINE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

May 25, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Anson Veenstra

God Gathers Us Together

* **Welcome, Call to Worship and Greeting**

* **Opening Song:** *“God of All Ages”*
 Psalter Hymnal 599

* **Opening Prayer**

* **Song of Praise:** *“Only a Holy God/Holy, Holy, Holy”*

God Forgives and Renews

A Time of Confession: *Lord’s Day 21*

Song of Response: *“He Looked Beyond My Fault”*

Moment for Ministry

Congregational Prayer

God Speaks to Us

Children’s Message

Scripture: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Sermon: *Real Forgiveness!*

We Respond to God’s Grace

Offering: General Fund

Song of Response *“Forgive our Sins as We Forgive”*
 Psalter Hymnal 266

* **God’s Blessing**

* Please rise in body or spirit

* **Closing Song**

“For All the Saints
Psalter Hymnal 505:1,4,7

Real Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35
A Listener’s Guide

Introduction: *How many times should I forgive?*

The world’s way

Make it all about you
Zero in on justice

A Better Way - Principle:

Our forgiveness must not be _____ because God’s
forgiveness cannot be _____

Real forgiveness names the _____

Real forgiveness desires to show _____

Real forgiveness cancels the _____

Clarification: Real Forgiveness doesn’t mean:

The person is _____

The relationship is exactly the _____ as before

Real forgiveness is about having a _____

Application: *How does Jesus Help Us?*

_____ forgivers – Let the past affect them

_____ forgivers – need the future to warn them

Conclusion:

“Father, Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..”

Upcoming Offerings:

May 25: General Fund

The offering that is received for the General Fund goes to support the salary and operating expenses of the church as well as our classical and denominational ministry shares. This money has been carefully designated in our church's budget, and you receive a report on this giving in your mailboxes monthly.

June 1 AM: Harvest Outreach

Harvest Outreach is a food distribution center that serves approximately 5000 needy persons within the Racine community. Volunteers from our congregation help distribute the food and complete the necessary paperwork. Food contributions are received from area churches and organizations as well as the government. You are always welcome to give monetary donations to Harvest Outreach using the wooden box near the Welcome Center.

June 1 PM: HOPES Center

On any given night between 200 and 350 people experience homelessness in Racine County - HOPES aids these people. Their Street Outreach teams serve people who are unsheltered, those people who are homeless and sleep in places not meant for human habitation, like benches, parks, abandoned buildings, woods, tents and cars. Their PATH program helps people who are experiencing or who are at risk of homelessness and who also have a mental health challenge. Our RAPID REHOUSING program uses Racine's Coordinated Entry System to help people move out of Racine's shelter.

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