## WORSHIP

## Absolution

Our pastor tells us that God has forgiven our sins and still loves us and helps us. Our answer, "amen," means that we believe we are forgiven through Christ.

The pastor speaks for God and announces God's cleansing forgiveness to those who made confession.

The sin is gone; God has taken it away. Instead of our filthiness, God sees only the perfect obedience and self-sacrifice of his beloved Son. Now we stand in God's presence – with no shame! We have been dressed in the beautiful clothes of Jesus' righteousness. Out of joy we thank him, praise him, and serve him.

Bible Reference: John 20:23

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