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Metallica's James Hetfield rocks the 'Dome on Thursday night.

Metallica service to explore the rage

Seeker-friendly New Hope Church will take a foray into the world of heavy metal music this Sunday.

Pastor John Van Sloten will be preaching on the message of the band Metallica: "all the anger and rage that their music communicates — how it parallels a few Old Testament prophets — and where that rage comes from — some tough personal stories of band members and their despairing cynicism over the injustice that fills our world," says Van Sloten.

"Then we'll talk about how the band members have dealt with their anger

— mostly via violence, sex, drinking, and music ..."

Van Sloten will look at how Metallica lead singer James Hetfield ended up in rehab and now talks about the place of forgiveness in dealing with anger and injustice.

The service will include the Metallica DVD *The Unforgiven*, plus a set or two by the New Hope Worship Band.

The Metallica service at New Hope Church begins this Sunday at West Hillhurst Community Centre, 19th Street and 6th Avenue NW., at 10:10 a.m. The bagels and coffee are fresh.