

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • APRIL 19, 2020 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 95:1-3, 6; Deuteronomy 32:31**

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **For their rock is not like our Rock; our enemies are by themselves.**

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: **For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

All: **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE **Come, People of the Risen King**

1. Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Chorus

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

2. Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.
Chorus

3. Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
"Our God is all in all!"
Chorus 2X

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 45:18-25

For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the Lord, and there is no other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right. "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' "Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 30:15

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

What Wondrous Love

1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul;
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2. When I was sinking down,
Sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down, sinking down-
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

Chorus
What wondrous love is this! (4X)

3. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the Great I Am,
While millions join the theme I will sing,
While millions join the theme I will sing.
Chorus

4. And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing his love for me
And thro' eternity I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on!
Chorus

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Psalm 126: All Those Who Are Weeping

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Chorus

Although we are weeping, Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!

2. The nations will say "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!
Chorus 2X

All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!

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HYMN OF PREPARATION

For All the Saints

1. For all the saints,
Who from their labor's rest,
To Thee, by faith,
Before the world confessed:
"Thy name, O Jesus,
Be forever blessed.
Alleluia allelu..."

4. The golden evening
Brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
Warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of
Paradise the blest,
Alleluia allelu...

2. Thou wast their Rock,
Their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain
In the well fought fight;
Through dreary darkness
Thou their one true Light.
Alleluia allelu...

5. But lo! There breaks
A yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array;
The King of glory
Passes on His way,
Alleluia allelu...

3. O may thy soldiers,
Faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old,
And win with them
The victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia allelu...

6. From earth's wide bounds,
From ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams
In the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia alleluia.

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SCRIPTURE READING Acts 25:13-27

Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus. And as they stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a man left prisoner by Felix, and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews laid out their case against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation against him. I answered them that it was not the custom of the Romans to give up anyone before the accused met the accusers face to face and had opportunity to make his defense concerning the charge laid against him. So when they came together here, I made no delay, but on the next day took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought. When the accusers stood up, they

brought no charge in his case of such evils as I supposed. Rather they had certain points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive. Being at a loss how to investigate these questions, I asked whether he wanted to go to Jerusalem and be tried there regarding them. But when Paul had appealed to be kept in custody for the decision of the emperor, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to Caesar." Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," said he, "you will hear him."

So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in. And Festus said, "King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish people petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer. But I found that he had done nothing deserving death. And as he himself appealed to the emperor, I decided to go ahead and send him. But I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore I have brought him before you all, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write. 27 For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not to indicate the charges against him."

SERMON **"Two Kingdoms Collide"**
 - Rev. Bryan Rigg

- The confusion of the world is clarity to the Spirit. (13-17)

- The traditions of the world are used by Christ. (23-27)

- The foolishness of the world is the wisdom of God. (18-22)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Church's One Foundation

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord.
She is His new creation,
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life, He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food;
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

3. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed;
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

4. Yet, she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One;
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy,
Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

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BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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