

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • MAY 3, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5, 9-10

Leader: For we know, brothers, loved by God, that he has chosen you.

People: Because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with
full conviction.

Leader: You turned from idols to serve the living and true God.

All: And we wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the
wrath to come.

HYMN OF ADORATION

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice:

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on His throne! Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare! Come let us adore Him.

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!

Chorus

(Bridge)

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!) (Repeat 2X)

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill)

*Authors: Jonathan Baird | Meghan Baird | Ryan Baird | Stephen Altrogge
© 2011 Sovereign Grace Praise / Sovereign Grace Worship*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Praise Him! Praise Him!

1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;
In His arms He carries them all day long.

Chorus

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Tell of His excellent greatness.

Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song.

2. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered and bled and died.
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong.
Chorus

3. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.
Chorus

Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

*Authors: Chester G. Allen | Fanny Jane Crosby
Public Domain*

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 28:1-6

After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

SERMON

“Justice and Mercy” - Rev. Bryan Rigg

- Justice is universal
- Justice is often misunderstood
- By Christ, we have received mercy and not justice

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF CONFESSION Abide With Me

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows
flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

*Authors: Words by Henry Lyte; Music by Justin Smith
© 2007 Justin Smith Music.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our gracious God, you have promised to work all things for the good of those who are in Christ Jesus. Yet often, rather than trusting your promise, we make our own plans. Instead of turning to you, we go our own way. Help us to see how everything that does not proceed from faith is sin. Remind us that every sin stems from a foolish hope to find life apart from you. And in your great mercy, receive us once again as we return to you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 36:5, 7

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

CLOSING HYMNS When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small,
Love, so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.
Love, so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Authors: Words by Isaac Watts; Music by Lowell Mason
© Public Domain*

CLOSING HMYNS Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature;
Son of God and Son of man.
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor;
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations;
Son of God and Son of man,
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.

*Authors: H. A. Hoffman von Fallerleben | Joseph August Seiss
Public Domain*

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!

POSTLUDE

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CCL LICENSE #11042946

Bryan Rigg, Pastor • 434-907-0711 (m) • bryan@mercypres.org
114 Tradewynd Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502 • Website: www.mercypres.org