

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:3, 6-7

Leader: Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

People: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

People: Let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him.

Leader: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Come Ye Sinners

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

2. Come, ye needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3. Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

4. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

5. Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.
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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, we confess the conflicted loves that war within our hearts. We set our sight on earthly riches rather than on you, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. Instead of enriching others with our good works, we seek to secure treasure for ourselves, despite your warning that all such things will perish. We secretly complain about all we have left in order to follow you. But we fail to consider how you, though rich, for our sake became poor, so that by your poverty we might become rich. How foolish and fickle we are! Forgive us. And hold before us your promise to graciously give us all things.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:10, 13-14

¹⁰*“He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

¹³*As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

¹⁴*For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Thy Mercy, My God

1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace, alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper, divine,
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness;
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Chorus

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow;
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.
Chorus

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SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 4:1-14

¹ Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. ² And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?" ³ Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Yes, what they are building—if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!" ⁴ Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives. ⁵ Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders.

⁶ So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

⁷ But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry. ⁸ And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. ⁹ And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

¹⁰ In Judah it was said, "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall." ¹¹ And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work." ¹² At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, "You must return to us." ¹³ So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. ¹⁴ And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

SERMON

“The Way of Conflict”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Isaiah 43

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus

Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women: I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God

All: I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women: I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God

All: I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior,

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus

I am the Lord.

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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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