

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 61:10a, 11

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD.

People: My soul shall exult in my God.

Leader: For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation.

People: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

Leader: For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up—

People: So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Rejoice!

1. Come and stand before your maker
Full of wonder full of fear
Come behold his power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near
For the one who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love

Chorus

Rejoice!
Come and lift your hands and raise your voice
He is worthy of all praise
Rejoice!
Sing of mercies of your king
And with trembling, rejoice

2. We are children of the promise
The beloved of the Lord
Won with everlasting kindness
Bought with sacrificial blood
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go
Chorus

3. All our sickness all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill
He has walked this path before us
He is walking with us still
Turning tragedy to triumph
Turning agony to praise
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed

Ending Chorus

Rejoice!
When you cry to him he hears your voice
He will wipe away your tears
Rejoice!
In the midst of suffering
He will help you sing...
Rejoice!
Come and lift your hands and raise your voice
He is worthy of all praise
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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 AFFIRMATION

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds, which mar the Chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold, the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection!
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 4:15-23

¹⁵ When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. ¹⁶ From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, ¹⁷ who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. ¹⁸ And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. ¹⁹ And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. ²⁰ In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

²¹ So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out. ²² I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant pass the night within Jerusalem, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day." ²³ So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; each kept his weapon at his right hand.

SERMON

"A God Who Fights for Us"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

SONG OF PREPARATION

God Be Merciful to Me

1. God, be merciful to me,
On Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2. My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess: Thy judgment just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

3. I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou, alone, my Savior art;
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart.
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

4. Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice
And in gladness hear Thy voice.
From my sins, O hide Thy face;
Blot them out in boundless grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew;
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart;
Steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
And return O God to Thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove
And my tongue shall sing Thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

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And my mouth shall praise accord.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, you sent the Spirit of truth to convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment. Yet we confess to resisting his work. To avoid conviction, we harden our hearts. Rather than yielding to your righteousness, we establish our own rules to appease our conscience. Instead of entrusting all to your judgment, we blame and condemn others. In these ways, and others, we have grieved the Spirit. Forgive us! And guide us into the truth, that we may not only confess it with our mouths but believe it in our hearts.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give;
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior he will stay;
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price- it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave!
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to him!
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet, not I, but through Christ in me."

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"Yet, not I, but through Christ in me,
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Savior, Jesus Christ.

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