

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 118:1, 28-29*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

**People: For his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you.

**People: You are my God; I will extol you.**

**All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### SONG OF INVOCATION

#### *In Tenderness*

1. In tenderness He sought me  
Weary and sick with sin,  
And on His shoulders brought me  
Back to His fold again,  
While angels in His presence sang  
Until the courts of heaven rang.

#### **Chorus**

O - o - oh the love that sought me  
O - o - oh the blood that bought me  
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God  
Grace that brought me to the fold of God

2. He died for me while I was sinning  
Needy and poor and blind.  
He whispered to assure me  
"I've found thee; thou art Mine."  
I never heard a sweeter voice.  
It made my aching heart rejoice.  
Chorus

3. Upon His grace I'll daily ponder  
And sing anew His praise  
With all adoring wonder  
His blessings I'll retrace.  
It seems as if eternal days  
Are far too short to sing His praise.  
Chorus x2

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## HYMN OF PRAISE

### *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord  
Who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth!  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth;  
Hast thou not seen,  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee.  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

### *Psalms 24:5-7, 11*

**Leader:** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

**People:** **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

**Leader:** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**People:** **For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### *Lamentations 3:22-23*

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power of the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

## **HYMN OF ASSURANCE**

### ***He Will Hold Me Fast***

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

#### **Chorus**

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

#### **Chorus**

3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

#### **Chorus 2X**

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### ***Nehemiah 8:1-12***

<sup>1</sup> And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup> And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." <sup>11</sup> So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." <sup>12</sup> And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

## SERMON

“Weekly Revival”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## CLOSING SONG

*His Mercy is More*

### Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have  
done?

Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.  
Chorus

2. What patience would wait as we constantly  
roam?

What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.  
Chorus

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus 2X

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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!**

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## POSTLUDE

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