

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

### CALL TO WORSHIP      **Philippians 2:6-11**

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**People:** **Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.**

**Leader:** So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

**All:**      **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore.  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
And triumph ever more!

#### **Chorus**

Lift up your heart;  
Lift up your voice,  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus the Savior reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above.  
Chorus

3. His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n.  
Chorus

#### Rejoice the Lord is King

4. He sits at God's right hand,  
till all His foes submit.  
And bow to his command  
and fall beneath his feet.  
Chorus

5. Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home!  
Chorus 2X

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## **CONFESSION OF FAITH   Heidelberg Catechism Questions 16 & 17**

Question 16 (Leader): Why must he be a true and righteous man?

**Answer (People):   He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who is himself a sinner cannot pay for others.**

Question 17 (Leader): Why must he also be true God?

**Answer (People):   So that, by the power of his divinity, he might bear the weight of God's anger in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Lord Jesus, although we sing your praise in worship, in many ways we resist your rule over our lives. We cry out for forgiveness, and yet fail to acknowledge your authority. You tell us your yoke is easy and your burden is light, but we are afraid to draw near that we might learn from you. Have mercy on us, and lead us into true repentance, that we might turn from our ways and discover the life that is found in you.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON                    Acts 13:38-39**

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

1. Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name.  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by His grace and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He presents our souls to God.

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God.

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store,  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more.  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky.  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

## The Power of the Cross

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary;  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

2. Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

### Chorus 1

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its maker bows His head;  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
“Finished,” the vict'ry cry!  
Chorus

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For, through Your suffring, I am free;  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

### Chorus 2

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God slain for us;  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand, forgiven, at the cross.  
REPEAT

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## SCRIPTURE READING      Luke 2:41-52

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

## SERMON

“My Father’s House”  
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## HYMN OF RESPONSE      Cornerstone

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus name.

### **Chorus**

Christ alone, Cornerstone;  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love;  
Through the storm He is Lord,  
Lord of all.

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
Chorus

2. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness, alone,  
Faultless, to stand before the throne.  
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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