

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 57:7-11

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!

People: **Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

Leader: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## HYMN OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

1. Oh Lord, My God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin!  
Chorus

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, "my God, how great Thou art!"  
Chorus 2x

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Isaiah 6:8-10

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” <sup>9</sup> And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;  
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people dull,  
and their ears heavy,  
and blind their eyes;  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and hear with their ears,  
and understand with their hearts,  
and turn and be healed.”

## SONG OF CONFESSION

## Lord I Need You

1. Lord I come, I confess;  
Bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You, I fall apart;  
You're the one that guides my heart.

### Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,  
Ev'ry hour I need You;  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh, God, how I need You.

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more,  
Where grace is found is where You are;  
And where You are, Lord, I am free,  
Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

### Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You;  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

### Ending Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,  
Ev'ry hour I need You;  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh, God, how I need You.  
You're my one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh, God how I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh, God how I need You.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father, the psalmist declares “Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth I desire besides you.” We confess, heavenly Father, that our desires for this world and what it offers too often displaces our delight in and desire for you. We are busy and distracted, making little effort to dwell in your presence, listen to your voice, look on your beauty, pursue your glory. Forgive us, and for the glory of Christ who sought us that we might know you, please grant us grace to seek your face with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### Colossians 1:21-22

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE    **There is a Fountain Filled with Blood**

1. There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
Lose all their guilty stains.  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away;  
Wash all my sins away;  
Wash all my sins away.  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away.

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more;  
Be saved to sin no more;  
Be saved to sin no more.  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more.

4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die;  
And shall be till I die;  
And shall be till I die.  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
and shall be till I die.

5. When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue  
Lies silent in the grave,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & 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.

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Luke 8:1-15

<sup>1</sup> Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

<sup>4</sup> And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, <sup>5</sup> "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

<sup>9</sup> And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup> he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' <sup>11</sup> Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup> And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup> As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

## SERMON

### "The Parable of the Sower"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord.  
She is His new creation,  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life, He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food;  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.

3. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore.  
Till with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blessed;  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

## The Church's One Foundation

4. Yet, she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One;  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy,  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

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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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