

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 2:13-16

- Leader: Now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- People: **For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.**
- Leader: By abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.
- All: **And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### GATHERING HYMN

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.

### Come Ye Sinners

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  
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*Words: Joseph Hart. Music: Matthew S. Smith  
2000 Detuned Radio Music (ASCAP)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Psalm 104:24-35

<sup>24</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> Here is the sea, great and wide,  
which teems with creatures innumerable,  
living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.

<sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works,

<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord.

<sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
Praise the Lord!

## HYMN OF PRAISE

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

2. My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

3. "Jesus," the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

## O For a Thousand Tongues

4. He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.

6. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,  
And leap ye lame for joy!

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, you forgive us much, and yet we have failed to love much. You call us to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Instead, we confess, we find others to be burdens and so avoid them. Rather than maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, we pass judgment on your servants, when you enable them to stand in your righteousness. Forgive our condemning hearts, our divisive imaginations, and our careless words. For Jesus' sake, we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### 1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

### 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:  
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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:22-25; 9:10-17

<sup>22</sup> One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, <sup>23</sup> and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. <sup>24</sup> And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup> He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

<sup>10</sup> On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup> When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. <sup>12</sup> Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” <sup>13</sup> But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” <sup>14</sup> For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup> And they did so, and had them all sit down. <sup>16</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

### SERMON

“God of All Creation”  
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

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

## **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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