

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 2:6

Leader: Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

People: **Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.**

Leader: Just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### HYMN OF PRAISE

### How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress."
4. "When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine."
5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.  
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I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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### CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, you call us to take up our cross and follow you. Yet we remain mired in well-worn paths, often wandering, returning to ways more familiar, more comfortable, which take us nowhere. You promise to never leave or forsake us, but we confess that we fear what we'll face if we heed your call and follow. You tell us that you go to prepare a place for us, and yet we grow impatient and so seek a place for ourselves. Grant us greater courage, that we might lay aside every weight, and sin that clings so closely, that we might run with endurance the race set before us, looking to you, Lord Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **John 6:28-29**

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

## **SONG OF ASSURANCE**

## **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:  
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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### SONG OF REJOICING

### Made Alive

1. I once was dead in sin, alone and hopeless.  
A child of wrath, I walked condemned in darkness.  
But Your mercy brought new life, and in your love and kindness,  
Raised me up with Christ and made me righteous.

#### Chorus

You have bought me back with the riches of  
Your amazing grace and relentless love.  
I'm made alive forever with you – life forever.  
By your grace I'm saved.

2. Lord you are the light, that broke the darkness.  
You satisfy my soul, when I am heartless.  
If ever I forget my true identity,  
Show me who I am and help me to believe.  
Chorus

#### Bridge

My sin has been erased.  
I'll never be the same.  
My sin has been erased.  
I'll never be the same.

Chorus 2x

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## SCRIPTURE READING

### Luke 8:26-39, 9:37-43

<sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup> For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him. ...

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. <sup>40</sup> And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup> While he was

coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

**SERMON**                    **“Lord of Heaven and Hell”**  
**- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**                    **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS**

*Stephen Hobson*  
*Rick Ulmer*

**THE ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF DEACONS**

*Ryan White*

**SONG OF THANKSGIVING**                    **Oh Give Thanks**

1. We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak  
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek  
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears  
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

2. We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.  
In the shadow of death's darkness we were slaves to sin and blame.  
And we cried out in our labor to the only one who hears  
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

**Chorus**

Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures for-ever!  
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home  
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

3. We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride  
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died  
Then He heard of our condition, and He called us by our names  
And the God of glory took a-way our shame!  
Chorus

4. We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams  
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees  
And we cried like drunken sailors to the only one who hears  
And the God of comfort took away our tears.  
Chorus 2X

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

## **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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