

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 2:1-6

Leader: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

People: **The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."**

Leader: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

People: **Then He will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### HYMN OF PRAISE

### O Worship the King

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His power and His love.  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end;  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Psalm 2:7-12

<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree:  
The Lord said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.  
<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."  
<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.  
<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

## HYMN OF CONFESSION

## Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.  
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Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

## Adapted from the Valley of Vision

Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine for your likeness. I am your child, and I should bare your image. Enable me to recognize my death unto sin. Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Forgive and kill these vices, have mercy on my unbelief, on my corrupt and wandering heart. Let your victory be apparent to my consciousness and displayed in my life, O Lord. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Isaiah 9:2, 6**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

## **SONG OF ASSURANCE**

**Jesus is Alive**

1. There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days,  
For the One that once was buried lives again.  
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away.  
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave!

2. All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak,  
Come find living water, everlasting streams.  
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more,  
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world!

### **Chorus**

Let there be dancing in the darkness,  
And let our song break through the night.  
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King,  
For Jesus is Alive!

3. No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear,  
For our sin and shame, they have no power here.  
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free.  
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory!  
Chorus

### **Bridge (2x)**

Hallelujah, death is undone;  
Hallelujah, Jesus has won;  
Hallelujah, we overcome;  
Oh in Jesus, oh in Jesus!

Chorus (2x)

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## SCRIPTURE READING

## Luke 9:21-27, 57-62

<sup>21</sup> And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, <sup>22</sup> saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

<sup>23</sup> And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? <sup>26</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God." ...

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

## SERMON

### "Follow Me"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## SONG OF RESPONSE

## Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.

2. Let the world despise and leave me  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me  
Show Thy face and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me;  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

5. Soul, then know thy full salvation;  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care.  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heav'n, canst thou repine.

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heav'n's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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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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