

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22

Leader: You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
People: In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
Leader: To you they cried and were rescued.
People: In you they trusted and were not put to shame.
Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation.
People: All the ends of the earth shall remember and run to the Lord.
Leader: And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

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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- ¹ “Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
- ² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.
- ³ For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- ⁴ For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.
- ⁵ They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.
- ⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them as a garment.
- ⁷ Their eyes swell out through fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.
- ⁸ They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.
- ⁹ They set their mouths against the heavens,
and their tongue struts through the earth.
- ¹⁰ Therefore his people turn back to them,
and find no fault in them.
- ¹¹ And they say, “How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?”
- ¹² Behold, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.
- ¹³ All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
- ¹⁴ For all the day long I have been stricken
and rebuked every morning.
- ¹⁵ If I had said, “I will speak thus,”
I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
- ¹⁶ But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
- ¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.
- ¹⁸ Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.
- ¹⁹ How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!
- ²⁰ Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.
- ²¹ When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
- ²² I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.
- ²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
- ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
- ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
- ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- ²⁷ For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
- ²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Isaiah 64:5-6, 8-9

Leader: You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.

People: Behold, in our sins we have been a long time, and will we be saved?

Leader: We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

People: We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Leader: But now, O LORD, you are our Father.

People: Remember not iniquity forever.

Leader: Behold, please look, we are your people.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Nothing But the Blood

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my cleansing this I see:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus

3. Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus

4. This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus 2X

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RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Hannah Grant

Abe Gibson

Grace Gibson

Mark Hankins

Tina Hankins

Katherine Bosak

Kate Dunkum

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:25-35

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴ "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

SERMON

"Disciple Traits"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

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.

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

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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HYMN OF RESPONSE

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.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
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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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!

POSTLUDE

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