

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Matthew 11:28-29**

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

People: **Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**

Leader: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### HYMN OF PREPARATION

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord  
Who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth!  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth;  
Hast thou not seen,  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee.  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee.

#### Praise to the Lord the Almighty

(Bridge)  
Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!

4. Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

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### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

O King and Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him. We confess to you Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says,  
"In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you."  
Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

## The Power of the Cross

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary;  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

2. Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

### Chorus 1

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its maker bows His head;  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
"Finished," the vict'ry cry!  
Chorus

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For, through Your suff'ring, I am free;  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

### Chorus 2

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God slain for us;  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand, forgiven, at the cross.  
REPEAT

## GROWING MERCY MINUTE

### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 18:18-30**

<sup>18</sup> And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>21</sup> And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>23</sup> But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. <sup>24</sup> Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> But he said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

#### SERMON

**"The Rich Young Ruler"**  
**- 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

## My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### Chorus

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand!

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
Chorus

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
Chorus (twice)

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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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