

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-3, 5-6

- Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name. Make known his deeds among the peoples!
- People: **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**
- Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
- People: **He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**
- All: **Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### HYMN OF GATHERING

#### Father Long Before Creation

1. Father long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.
2. Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.
3. God's compassion is my story  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us,  
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory,  
To our God and to the Lamb;
- Giving glory, giving glory,  
To our God and to the Lamb.

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Haggai 2:1-9

<sup>1</sup>In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet: <sup>2</sup>“Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, <sup>3</sup>“Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? <sup>4</sup>Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts, <sup>5</sup> according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. <sup>6</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. <sup>7</sup>And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>8</sup>The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. <sup>9</sup>The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.”

## CONFESSION OF SIN

## Psalm 51

**Leader:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**People:** **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

**Leader:** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

**People:** **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**Leader:** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities. Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**People:** **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

## SONG 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:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### HYMN OF PREPARATION

### How Great Thou Art

(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship during the last stanza.  
Visitors' children are welcome.)

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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### SCRIPTURE READING

### Luke 19:41-48 & 21:5-9

<sup>41</sup> And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup> and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

<sup>45</sup> And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, <sup>46</sup> saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers."

<sup>47</sup> And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, <sup>48</sup> but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

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<sup>5</sup> And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, <sup>6</sup> "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." <sup>7</sup> And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" <sup>8</sup> And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup> And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

### SERMON

**"Nostalgia and Old Photographs"**  
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY HYMN

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord.  
She is His new creation,  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life, He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food;  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.

3. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore.  
Till with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blessed;  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

### SONG OF RESPONSE

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice:

#### Chorus

Behold our God, seated on His throne! Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare! Come let us adore Him.

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?  
Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave,  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!  
Chorus

(Bridge)

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!) (4X)

Chorus 2X

### The Church's One Foundation

4. Yet, she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One;  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy,  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

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### Behold Our God

## 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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