

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103: 1, 8, 10-13, 22

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

People: **As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

All: **Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE

His Mercy is More

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father so tender is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor.

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us,

His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus 2X

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- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
 and by night, but I find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are holy,
 enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ In you our fathers trusted;
 they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried and were rescued;
 in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
 scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock me;
 they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- ⁸ “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;
 let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”
- ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
 you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- ¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth,
 and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Be not far from me,
 for trouble is near,
 and there is none to help.
- ¹² Many bulls encompass me;
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
 like a ravening and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
 and all my bones are out of joint;
 my heart is like wax;
 it is melted within my breast;
- ¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
 and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
 you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶ For dogs encompass me;
 a company of evildoers encircles me;
 they have pierced my hands and feet—
- ¹⁷ I can count all my bones—
 they stare and gloat over me;
- ¹⁸ they divide my garments among them,
 and for my clothing they cast lots.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God our Father, in our distress, we confess that we doubt your loving care. We are quickly discouraged in the face of difficulties, and take them as tokens of your displeasure, forgetting your commitment to conform us to the image of your Son. We conclude that you have abandoned us, when instead you intend to increase our faith, that we might draw near, calling out, “Abba, Father!” Draw our attention again to Jesus, we pray, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising its shame. Remind us, in all we endure, that we are heirs with Christ, provided that we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Revelation 3:19-20

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Thy Mercy, My God

1. Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace, alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair,
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

4. Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper, divine,
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Luther Mateo Mason

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
from age to age. Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:26-43

²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

SERMON

"Seeing Jesus"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

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.

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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SONG OF RESPONSE

Behold Our God

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

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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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