

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:11-14

Leader: Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;

People: **Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness,

People: **And transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### SONG OF PRAISE

In Tenderness

1. In tenderness He sought me  
Weary and sick with sin,  
And on His shoulders brought me  
Back to His fold again,  
While angels in His presence sang  
Until the courts of heaven rang.

#### Chorus

O - o - oh the love that sought me  
O - o - oh the blood that bought me  
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God  
Grace that brought me to the fold of God.

2. He died for me while I was sinning  
Needy and poor and blind.  
He whispered to assure me  
"I've found thee; thou art Mine."  
I never heard a sweeter voice.  
It made my aching heart rejoice.  
Chorus

3. Upon His grace I'll daily ponder  
And sing anew His praise  
With all adoring wonder  
His blessings I'll retrace.  
It seems as if eternal days  
Are far too short to sing His praise.  
Chorus x2

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## READING FROM THE EPISTLES

## 1 Peter 1:10-21

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." <sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup> He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you <sup>21</sup> who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### HYMN OF PREPARATION

### Abide With Me

Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship during the last stanza. Visitors' children are welcome. Today's volunteers: Kate Rigg and Sarah Hankins

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.
2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:63-71

<sup>63</sup> Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. <sup>64</sup> They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>65</sup> And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

<sup>66</sup> When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, <sup>67</sup> "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, <sup>68</sup> and if I ask you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup> But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." <sup>70</sup> So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." <sup>71</sup> Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

## SERMON

**"We Have Heard it For Ourselves"**

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### COMMUNION HYMN

**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

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### 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 (3x)

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

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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