

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 11:15, 17

Leader: Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

People: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign."

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

1. Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents our souls to God.

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store,
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Has secured our way to God.

5. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

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¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
 of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
 to eat up my flesh,
 my adversaries and foes,
 it is they who stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
 my heart shall not fear;
 though war arise against me,
 yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord,
 that will I seek after:
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
 all the days of my life,
 to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
 and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
 in the day of trouble;
 he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
 he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
 above my enemies all around me,
 and I will offer in his tent
 sacrifices with shouts of joy;
 I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
 be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ You have said, "Seek my face."
 My heart says to you,
 "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

⁹ Hide not your face from me.
 Turn not your servant away in anger,
 O you who have been my help.
 Cast me not off; forsake me not,
 O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
 but the Lord will take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
 and lead me on a level path
 because of my enemies.

¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
 for false witnesses have risen against me,
 and they breathe out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
 in the land of the living!

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
 be strong, and let your heart take courage;
 wait for the Lord!

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. I know the Lord is nigh,
And would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try,
And frights my soul away,
And frights my soul away.

2. I would but can't repent,
Though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft,
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus

Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.

Help My Unbelief

3. I would but cannot love,
Though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move
A soul as base as mine.
A soul so base as mine.

4. I would but cannot rest,
In God's most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best,
And murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.
Chorus 2X

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Our gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law. But we have shown too little interest in your great salvation. We have not searched out, nor carefully inquired, concerning the grace that is ours in Christ Jesus. Instead, we are consumed with our own schedules and the demands upon our own time. We are overly concerned with our own accomplishments and the work required of us. Forgive us. And draw your hearts and minds once again to the wonders of what you have done for us, and what you have promised yet to do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise!
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home;
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious Blood!

Come Thou Fount

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above!

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Seal it for Thy courts above!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship after the prayer. Visitors' children are welcome. Today's volunteers: Connie Shackelford and Betsy Bosak

SCRIPTURE READING

Jude 17-25

¹⁷ But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." ¹⁹ It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

SERMON **"Living with Sanctified Awareness"**
- Dr. John Harbison

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

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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HYMN OF RESPONSE

How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”
3. “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.”
4. “When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”
5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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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!

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