

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 7:18-20

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

People: **He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.**

Leader: He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

People: **You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham,**

All: **As you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

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.

(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!

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

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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³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and loving Lord, you call us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Yet we grieve your Spirit through sins that separate us from one another. We confess the ways we have hindered the growth of your church, through pride, anger, malice, keeping records of wrongs, and refusing to forgive. Remind us of your great grace to us so that we might live thankful lives together. And increase our faith, with confidence that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

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

The Power of the Cross

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For, through Your suffering, 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

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:13-22, 4:12-19

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. . . .

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,

what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

SERMON

“Sedition, Suffering, and Sanctification”

- Samuel Hix

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. 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.

3. 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.

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

4. 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.

5. 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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SONG OF RESPONSE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

2. All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus

I am bound (women echo)
I am bound (women echo)
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound (women echo)
I am bound (women echo)
I am bound for the promised land.

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore.
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more.
Chorus

4. When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blest,
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest?

Chorus 2

We are bound (women echo)
We are bound (women echo)
We are bound for the promised land,
We are bound (women echo)
We are bound (women echo)
We are bound for the promised land.

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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