

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Job 9:2-8,11-12

Leader: But how can a man be in the right before God? If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand times.

People: He is wise in heart and mighty in strength —who has hardened himself against him, and succeeded?

Leader: He who removes mountains, and they know it not, when he overturns them in his anger.

People: Who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea.

All: Behold, he passes by me, and I see him not; he moves on, but I do not perceive him. Behold, he snatches away; who can turn him back? Who will say to him, 'What are you doing?'

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMNS OF PRAISE

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient Foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be:
Christ Jesus it is He;
Lord Sabaoth His name,
from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

A Mighty Fortress

3. And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed,
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure,
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever!
His kingdom is forever!
His kingdom is forever!

Only a Holy God

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God!

2. What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God!

Chorus

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only.
Cry out! Sing holy! Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God!

3. What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God!
Chorus

4. Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God; only my Holy God!
Chorus 2x

Come and worship the Holy God!
Come and worship the Holy God!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 17:1-15

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!
- ² From your presence let my vindication come!
Let your eyes behold the right!
- ³ You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night,
you have tested me, and you will find nothing;
I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.
- ⁴ With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- ⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.
- ⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.
- ⁷ Wondrously show^[a] your steadfast love,
O Savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked who do me violence,
my deadly enemies who surround me.
- ¹⁰ They close their hearts to pity;
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.

¹¹ They have now surrounded our steps;
 they set their eyes to cast us to the ground.
¹² He is like a lion eager to tear,
 as a young lion lurking in ambush.
¹³ Arise, O Lord! Confront him, subdue him!
 Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword,
¹⁴ from men by your hand, O Lord,
 from men of the world whose portion is in this life.
 You fill their womb with treasure;
 they are satisfied with children,
 and they leave their abundance to their infants.
¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
 when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear Father, we have often paid lip service to your name and yet in our hearts we serve ourselves, our desires, and our idols. You have sent your Son Jesus, to bring us back to you and we are blind to His great power and divine love. We doubt His miraculous work and in our hearts demand 'another sign' to satisfy our doubts. Lord help our unbelief, incline our hearts to praise you, put to death our sin, and make us alive in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 12:22-24

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
 All other ground is sinking sand,
 All other ground is sinking sand!

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
 I rest on His unchanging grace;
 In every high and stormy gale,
 My anchor holds within the veil.
 Chorus

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
 Support me in the whelming flood;
 When all around my soul gives way,
 He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 O may I then in Him be found;
 Dressed in His righteousness alone,
 Faultless to stand before the throne.
 Chorus (2x)

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 5:8-14

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹² By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴ Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

SERMON

“The End of Suffering”

- Nate Fowler

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Help My Unbelief

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.

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

O Church Arise

1. O church, arise, and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died:
An inheritance of nations.

Chorus

Arise, shine for your light has come
Arise, shine for the Risen Son
Lift your eyes, we are His radiant bride
Arise, o church arise!

3. Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride;
Give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory.
Chorus 2X

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Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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