

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Titus 3:4-7

Leader: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us.

People: Not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.

Leader: By the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: So that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Father Long Before Creation

1. Father long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

2. Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.

3. God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us,
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb;

Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

SONG OF CONFESSION

The Goodness of Jesus

1. Come you weary heart now to Jesus,
Come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

2. Come find what this world cannot offer,
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.
Chorus

3. Come and find your hope now in Jesus;
He is all He said He would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.
Chorus (2x)

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and Gracious Lord, we have grieved your Spirit in gratifying the desires of the flesh. You have made us alive together with Christ. Yet we continue in our former manner of life, with falsehood, anger, theft, corrupting talk, sensuality, slander, and malice. Increase our longing for the likeness of Christ, that we may speak the truth in love, labor to share with those in need, perform deeds that display grace, forgiving one another as you in Christ have forgiven us. Fill us with the fruit of your Spirit, replacing the works of the flesh, with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. For the glory of your name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

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 forevermore.
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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DEACON MINUTE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship after the prayer. Visitors' children are welcome. Today's volunteers: Nancy Cornfield, Elizabeth Deneen, and Brianne Bell

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

⁹ What gain has the worker from his toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹² I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; ¹³ also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

¹⁴ I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. ¹⁵ That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

SERMON

“Under Heaven”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

Made Alive

1. I once was dead in sin, alone and hopeless.
A child of wrath, I walked condemned in darkness.
But Your mercy brought new life, and in your love and kindness,
Raised me up with Christ and made me righteous.

Chorus

You have bought me back with the riches of
Your amazing grace and relentless love.
I'm made alive forever with you – life forever.
By your grace I'm saved.

2. Lord you are the light, that broke the darkness.
You satisfy my soul, when I am heartless.
If ever I forget my true identity,
Show me who I am and help me to believe.
Chorus

Bridge

My sin has been erased.
I'll never be the same.
My sin has been erased.
I'll never be the same.

Chorus 2x

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

O Worship the King

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His power and His love.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
3. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end;
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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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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