

Mercy Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Proverbs 1:2-5,7

Leader: To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight,

People: To receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;

Leader: To give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—

People: Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance,

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF GATHERING

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.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

(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!

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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NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 1:5-12

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Before the throne of God, above,
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb!
My perfect spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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MISSIONS MINUTE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

- ¹ A good name is better than precious ointment,
and the day of death than the day of birth.
- ² It is better to go to the house of mourning
than to go to the house of feasting,
for this is the end of all mankind,
and the living will lay it to heart.
- ³ Sorrow is better than laughter,
for by sadness of face the heart is made glad.
- ⁴ The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,
but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.
- ⁵ It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise
than to hear the song of fools.
- ⁶ For as the crackling of thorns under a pot,
so is the laughter of the fools;
this also is vanity.
- ⁷ Surely oppression drives the wise into madness,
and a bribe corrupts the heart.
- ⁸ Better is the end of a thing than its beginning,
and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
- ⁹ Be not quick in your spirit to become angry,
for anger lodges in the heart of fools.
- ¹⁰ Say not, “Why were the former days better than these?”
For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.
- ¹¹ Wisdom is good with an inheritance,
an advantage to those who see the sun.
- ¹² For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money,
and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.
- ¹³ Consider the work of God:
who can make straight what he has made crooked?
- ¹⁴ In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.
- ¹⁵ In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing. ¹⁶ Be not overly righteous, and do not make yourself too wise. Why should you destroy yourself? ¹⁷ Be not overly wicked, neither be a fool. Why should you die before your time? ¹⁸ It is good that you should take hold of this, and from that withhold not your hand, for the one who fears God shall come out from both of them.
- ¹⁹ Wisdom gives strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.
- ²⁰ Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.
- ²¹ Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. ²² Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.
- ²³ All this I have tested by wisdom. I said, “I will be wise,” but it was far from me. ²⁴ That which has been is far off, and deep, very deep; who can find it out?
- ²⁵ I turned my heart to know and to search out and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know the wickedness of folly and the foolishness that is madness. ²⁶ And I find something more bitter than death: the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God escapes her, but the sinner is taken by her. ²⁷ Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher, while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of things— ²⁸ which my soul has sought repeatedly, but I have not found. One man among a thousand I found, but a woman among all these I have not found. ²⁹ See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.
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Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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SONG OF PRAISE

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice:

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on His throne! Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare! Come let us adore Him.

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!
Chorus

(Bridge)

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!) (4X)
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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