

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-5

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

People: **My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

Bless the Lord O My Soul (Psalm 103)

1. My God is slow to anger when I go astray.
Bless the Lord, O my soul
For all of my betrayals, He will not repay.
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Through mercy and compassion His great love is proved;
He covers my transgressions like the snow.
As far as east from west are all my sins removed.
Bless the Lord, O my soul

2. He saved me from the pit when I had lost all hope.
Bless the Lord, O my soul
From endless springs of kindness all His blessings flow.
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Our days will fade like flowers and are quickly spent,
And like the wind our years will come and go.
Everlasting favor is His covenant.
Bless the Lord, O my soul

3. Merciful and gracious is my God to me.
Bless the Lord, O my soul
And I will tell His goodness through eternity.
Bless the Lord, O my soul
And bless the Lord, you angels, all you heav'nly hosts
And every living creature here below.
Praise the Father, praise the Son, and Holy Ghost.
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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 10:26-31

²⁶ For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, by the mighty work of your Holy Spirit You have replaced our heart of stone with a new heart, given us new birth, made us a new creation that we might glorify your marvelous grace in lives of joyful worship & obedience. Yet, too often we continue to live as if the old "man" is the real me. We find ourselves stuck in patterns of sin, idolatry, and unbelief which we allow to define and rule us. Forgive us for doubting and denying the wonder of Your supernatural work of new life in us. We are not what we will be. We are not what we want to be. But still we are not what we once used to be. Grant that the working of the Holy Spirit would continue to give shape and character to our new heart, for the glory of God our Savior and His Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

There is a Fountain

1. There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains;
Lose all their guilty stains;
Lose all their guilty stains.
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die;
And shall be till I die;
And shall be till I die.
Redeeming love has been my theme
and shall be till I die.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away;
Washed all my sins away;
Washed all my sins away.
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

5. When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more;
Be saved to sin no more;
Be saved to sin no more.
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Everett Theodore White

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
from age to age. Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 8:10-17

¹⁰ Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity. ¹¹ Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. ¹² Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before him. ¹³ But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

¹⁴ There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. ¹⁵ And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.

¹⁶ When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep, ¹⁷ then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out.

SERMON

“Justice”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

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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HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole,
That wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave;
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

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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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