

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 5: 7, 11

Leader: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

People: Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing for joy.

Leader: Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

A Mighty Fortress

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.

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!

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 13:1-9

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you describe the good soil as like those who hear the word, hold it fast in their hearts, and bear fruit with patience. Yet we grow weary, expecting quicker results. Forgive our attempts to run ahead, rather than keeping in step with your Spirit, and trusting what you've promised to produce in our lives. We confess that we easily confuse what appear to be good works with genuine fruit, focused merely on outward behaviors than their true source. Lead us by your Spirit, we pray, as those who live by the Spirit, that through love we might serve one another, and so show ourselves to be your disciples.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 15:5, 16

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide."

HYMN OF PRAISE

'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, 'Thus saith the Lord.'

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
O, for grace to trust Him more.

2. O, how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood.
Chorus

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace.
Chorus

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.
Chorus 2x

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 11

- ¹ Cast your bread upon the waters,
for you will find it after many days.
- ² Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.
- ³ If the clouds are full of rain,
they empty themselves on the earth,
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
- ⁴ He who observes the wind will not sow,
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.
- ⁵ As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.
- ⁶ In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.
- ⁷ Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.
- ⁸ So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.
- ⁹ Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.
- ¹⁰ Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

SERMON

“God Does Everything”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

1. Come, Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise!
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home;
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious Blood!

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above!

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above!

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Come Thou Fount

HYMN OF RESPONSE

How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress."
4. "When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine."
5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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DISMISSAL

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People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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