

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 1:16-17

Leader: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

People: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Arise My Soul Arise

1. Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears.
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus

Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

2. He ever lives above,
For me to intercede.
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
Chorus

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”
Chorus

4. My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.
Chorus 2X

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²⁹To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be. ³⁰But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

³¹“You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³²The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶“This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. ³⁷You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. ³⁹Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these. ⁴¹And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay. ⁴²And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, ⁴⁵just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Have mercy on us, God our Father, in your faithful love. With our lips we confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways we are reluctant to change. Remind us once again of sin's danger, deceitful power, and distortion of all that you've created and called good. Convince us also of your promise to forgive our every sin through Christ our Savior, to complete the work that you've begun in conforming us to his image, and to bring us safely to glory.

SONG OF PRAISE

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.
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.
Bless the Lord, O my soul; Bless the Lord, O my soul

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Christ is Risen

1. Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame,
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him, who showed great love
And bled for us;
Freely You bled for us.

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling over death by death;
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave!
Christ is risen from the dead,
We are one with Him again;
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave!

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2. Beneath the weight of all our sin,
You bowed to none but heaven's will;
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold You down.
In strength You reign,
Forever let Your church proclaim:
Chorus

Bridge

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light.
The glory of God has defeated the night.
O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light.
Our God is not dead; He's alive! He's alive!
Chorus 2X

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:1-4a

¹The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. ⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: ...

SERMON “Introduction to Revelation: Part 2” - Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness;
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Chorus

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.
Chorus

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SONG OF RESPONSE

All Hail the King of Heaven

1. All hail the King of Heaven, Christ the Lord of all,
Whom thundering angels circle 'round ablaze with awe;
Let now the Hallelujah, of earth in glad refrain,
Ascend the throne, To him belongs immortal praise.

Chorus

All hail the king of heaven,
Creation join together,
Let endless praises crown his name
All hail the king of heaven.

2. All hail the Great Redeemer, who so humbly came
The lamb of our salvation, O for sinners slain
Let now a loud Hosanna resound from shore to shore
You nations say, "His kingdom reigns, forevermore!"
Chorus

3. Let praise of nations rise now as a symphony
To sound the endless wonders of his majesty
Let every heart adore him, the great and small the same
Through generations ever let his anthem ring!
Chorus x2

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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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