

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:10; Revelation 11:17

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD!

People: And all your saints shall bless you!

Leader: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was

People: For you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

Your Great Name We Praise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise!

2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light;
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might;
Your justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Your clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

Chorus

Most Holy, Most glorious,
The Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise!

3. All life comes from You, Lord,
To both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish but You never fail!
Chorus

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;
All praise we will render, oh Father of grace,
Till one day, in splendor, we see face to face!
Chorus 2X

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism Q's 2&3

Question 2: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

Answer: The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Question 3: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Answer: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

HYMN OF FAITH

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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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
Chorus

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Chorus (2x)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:1-3

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.

SERMON

“Introduction to Revelation: Part 1” - Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come Thou Fount

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!

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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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CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

4. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

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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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