

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40:9-10, 16

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips as you know, O LORD.

People: **I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.**

Leader: I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

People: **May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.**

Leader: May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam;
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

Refrain

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Refrain

3. All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin;
Cast all your burdens now on Him.
Refrain

All Creatures of Our God and King

4. He shall return in pow'r to reign.
Heaven and earth will join to say:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King!

Ending Refrain

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

V. 1-2, St. Francis of Assisi, translated by William Henry Draper

*V. 3-4, Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird
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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
 and he who has no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 hear, that your soul may live;
 and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
 and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
 because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
 let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
 and do not return there but water the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
 it shall not return to me empty,
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
 and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy
 and be led forth in peace;
 the mountains and the hills before you
 shall break forth into singing,
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
 and it shall make a name for the Lord,
 an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

SONG OF CONFESSION

Help My Unbelief

1. I know the Lord is nigh,
And would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try,
And frights my soul away,
And frights my soul away.

2. I would but can't repent,
Though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft,
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus

Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 6:1-4

¹ O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. ² Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled. ³ My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long? ⁴ Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 4:9-10

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

SONG OF PRAISE

The Goodness of Jesus

1. Come you weary heart now to Jesus,
Come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

2. Come find what this world cannot offer,
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus

3. Come and find your hope now in Jesus;
He is all He said He would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus (2x)

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

COMMUNITY GROUP MINUTE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 3:1-22

¹“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

⁷“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸“I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹²The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

¹⁴“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

¹⁵“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

SERMON

“Letters to the Church: Sardis, Philadelphia, & Laodicea”

- Rev. Chris Deneen

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

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In Christ Alone

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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CLOSING HYMN

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.

Authors: George Job Elvey & Matthew Bridges

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.

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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