

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 2:1-5

**Leader:** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

**People:** **Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.**

**Leader:** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

**People:** **By grace you have been saved.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### HYMN OF ADORATION

O Worship the King

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His power and His love.  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
3. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end;  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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<sup>1</sup> By the waters of Babylon,  
 there we sat down and wept,  
 when we remembered Zion.  
<sup>2</sup> On the willows there  
 we hung up our lyres.  
<sup>3</sup> For there our captors  
 required of us songs,  
 and our tormentors, mirth, saying,  
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"  
<sup>4</sup> How shall we sing the Lord's song  
 in a foreign land?  
<sup>5</sup> If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
 let my right hand forget its skill!  
<sup>6</sup> Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,  
 if I do not remember you,  
 if I do not set Jerusalem  
 above my highest joy!  
<sup>7</sup> Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites  
 the day of Jerusalem,  
 how they said, "Lay it bare, lay it bare,  
 down to its foundations!"  
<sup>8</sup> O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed,  
 blessed shall he be who repays you  
 with what you have done to us!  
<sup>9</sup> Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones  
 and dashes them against the rock!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

SONG OF CONFESSION

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.

Help My Unbelief

3. I would but cannot love,  
 Though wooed by love divine;  
 No arguments have power to move  
 A soul as base as mine.  
 A soul so base as mine.  
 4. I would but cannot rest,  
 In God's most holy will;  
 I know what He appoints is best,  
 And murmur at it still.  
 I murmur at it still.  
 Chorus 2X

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 7:25

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

## Christ Our Hope in Life & Death

1. What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to him belong  
Who holds our days within his hand?  
What comes, apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand

### Chorus

O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death!

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?  
Chorus

3. Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore!  
Chorus (2x)

Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death!

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship after the prayer. Visitors' children are welcome. Today's volunteers: Ben Spivey, Brianne Bell, & Stewart Orr

<sup>1</sup>Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, <sup>2</sup>with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk.” <sup>3</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. <sup>5</sup>And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: “Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations.” <sup>6</sup>And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

When I saw her, I marveled greatly. <sup>7</sup>But the angel said to me, “Why do you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her. <sup>8</sup>The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come. <sup>9</sup>This calls for a mind with wisdom: the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated; <sup>10</sup>they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he does come he must remain only a little while. <sup>11</sup>As for the beast that was and is not, it is an eighth but it belongs to the seven, and it goes to destruction. <sup>12</sup>And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. <sup>13</sup>These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup>They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel<sup>[s]</sup> said to me, “The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. <sup>16</sup>And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, <sup>17</sup>for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth.”

**SERMON**      **“Babylon the Prostitute”**  
                    **- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

## COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY HYMN

1. What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

#### Chorus

O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow!  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my cleansing this I see:  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my pardon this my plea:  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Chorus

### Nothing But the Blood

3. Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Chorus

4. This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Chorus 2X

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### SONG OF RESPONSE

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!

### 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

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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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