

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 65:17-19

- Leader: For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
- People: **But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.**
- Leader: I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.
3. This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet!
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done:
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one!
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CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we have sinned against you times without number and are guilty daily of pride and unbelief. We have failed to satisfy ourselves with Your Word and neglected to seek You with our heart, mind, and strength. Subdue our corruptions we pray rule over us with gentleness and truth. Where we have asked with wrongful motives, refuse our prayers. And teach us by your Spirit to cry out aright for that which is to your greatest glory and our good. Satisfy us in your commands. Grant us to see their beauty and uprightness. Purge from us vain desires. And place us into the furnace of your love that you might remove the dross of iniquity from us. Refine us and cleanse us of everything that dims the brightness of Your glory and grace reflected in us. Stir in us a delight in the One who delights and sings over us - Christ, in Whose matchless name we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let 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.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
Chorus

3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!
Chorus 2X

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DEACON MINUTE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship after the prayer. Visitors' children are welcome. Today's volunteers: Nancy Cornfield, Fiona Hobson, Juanita Orr

SONG OF REJOICING

His Mercy is More

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.
Chorus

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.
Chorus

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.
Chorus 2X
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SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 20:1-10, 21:1-8

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

⁷ And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹ And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, ¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever...

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

By Thy Mercy

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heav’n Thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore Thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear.

2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hard’ning pow’r of sin;
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within:

Chorus

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord;
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's pow’r;
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys, our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace:
Chorus

5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain;
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain;

6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day;
May our souls, on Thee relying,
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay.
Chorus 2X

SONG OF PRAISE

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!**

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