

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 118:26

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he.

People: Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

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 PRAISE

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.

O Worship the King

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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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN OF PREPARATION

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.

Refrain

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.
Refrain

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain (2x)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:41-47

⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

SERMON

**“Devotion to the Church”
- Rev. Benjamin Wontrop**

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord.
She is His new creation,
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life, He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food;
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

The Church's One Foundation

3. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore.
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed;
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

4. Yet, she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One;
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy,
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee. (x2)

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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:8-9

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give;
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior he will stay;
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

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There is a Fountain

1. There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains;
Lose all their guilty stains;
Lose all their guilty stains.
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away;
Washed all my sins away;
Washed all my sins away.
And there have I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more;
Be saved to sin no more;
Be saved to sin no more.
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

Yet, Not I, But Through Christ in Me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price- it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave!
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to him!
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet, not I, but through Christ in me."
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet, not I, but through Christ in me,
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me."

4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die;
And shall be till I die;
And shall be till I die.
Redeeming love has been my theme
and shall be till I die.

5. When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

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Jesus is Alive

1. There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days,
For the One that once was buried lives again.
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away.
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave!
2. All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak,
Come find living water, everlasting streams.
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more,
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world!

Chorus

Let there be dancing in the darkness,
And let our song break through the night.
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King,
For Jesus is Alive!

3. No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear,
For our sin and shame, they have no power here.
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free.
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory!

Chorus

Bridge (3x)

Hallelujah, death is undone;
Hallelujah, Jesus has won;
Hallelujah, we overcome;
Oh in Jesus, oh in Jesus!

Chorus (2x)

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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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