

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 12:1-2

Leader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

People: Holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Leader: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind

People: That by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Samuel Wisdom Matthew Fox

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
from age to age. Amen, amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from the Valley of Vision

Merciful Lord, Pardon all my sins of this day, week, year, all the sins of my life, sins of early, middle, and advanced years, of omission and commission, of morose, peevish and angry tempers, of lip, life and walk, of hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption, pride, of unfaithfulness to the souls of men, of want of bold decision in the cause of Christ, of deficiency in outspoken zeal for His glory, of bringing dishonor upon Thy great name, of deception, injustice, untruthfulness in my dealings with others, of impurity in thought, word and deed, of covetousness, which is idolatry, of substance unduly hoarded, improvidently squandered, not consecrated to the glory of Thee, the great Giver; sins in private and in the family, in study and recreation, in the busy haunts of men, in the study of thy Word and in the neglect of it, in prayer irreverently offered and coldly withheld, in time misspent, in yielding to Satan's wiles, in opening my heart to his temptations, in being unwatchful when I know him nigh, in quenching the Holy Spirit; sins against light and knowledge, sins against conscience and the restraints of thy Spirit, sins against the law of eternal love. Pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten. Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Nehemiah 9:17

But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

1. Christ the true and better Adam,
Son of God, and Son of man;
Who, when tempted in the garden,
Never yielded, never sinned.
He who makes the many righteous,
Brings us back to life again.
Dying, He reversed the curse, then
Rising, crushed the serpent's head.

2. Christ the true and better Isaac,
Humble son of sacrifice;
Who would climb the fearful mountain,
There to offer up his life.
Laid with faith upon the altar,
Father's joy and only son;
There salvation was provided.
Oh what full and boundless love.

Chorus

Amen, amen
From beginning to end
Christ the story
His the glory
Alleluia, amen

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Christ the True and Better

3. Christ the true and better Moses,
Called to lead a people home;
Standing bold to earthly powers,
God's great glory to be known.
With his arms stretched wide to
heaven,
See the waters part in two;
See the veil is torn forever.
Cleansed with blood we pass now
through.
Chorus

4. Christ the true and better David,
Lowly shepherd, mighty King;
He the champion in the battle,
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered,
Crown Him Lord of majesty;
His shall be the throne forever.
We shall e'er His people be.
Chorus (2x)

Christ the story, His the glory,
Alleluia, amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 1:16-17

¹For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

SERMON “The Gospel of God”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

Only a Holy God

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God!

2. What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God!

Chorus

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only.
Cry out! Sing holy! Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God!

3. What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God!
Chorus

4. Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God; only my Holy God!
Chorus 2x

Come and worship the Holy God!
Come and worship the Holy God!

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SONG OF RESPONSE

Oh Give Thanks

1. We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

2. We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness we were slaves to sin and blame.
And we cried out in our labor to the only one who hears
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

Chorus

Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

3. We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died
Then He heard of our condition, and He called us by our names
And the God of glory took away our shame!

Chorus

4. We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees
And we cried like drunken sailors to the only one who hears
And the God of comfort took away our tears.

Chorus 2X

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

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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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