

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 69:14-16, 34-35

Leader: Deliver me from sinking in the mire.

People: **Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up.**

Leader: Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good.

People: **According to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

Leader: Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

All: **For God will save Zion, and those who love his name shall dwell in it.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

The Lord's Become Our Salvation (Psalm 118)

1. Out of my distress I called out for help;
And the Lord came quickly to save me.
Praise our God most high; He is on my side,
For the Lord's become my salvation!

2. Open up the gate where the righteous wait;
To behold the face of their Savior.
I am welcomed in by my Lord and friend,
And the Lord's become my salvation!

Chorus

Oh give thanks to the Lord,
For his never-ending love!
We will celebrate what He's done this day.
For the Lord's become our salvation!
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3. Now the stone ignored by the strong and proud
Has become the Church's foundation.
Let the weak give praise for this gift of grace,
For the Lord's become our salvation!

Chorus 2X

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Kimbel Burch

Greta Carter

Ashlee Carroll

Mike Carroll

Peter Crabtree

Sue Crabtree

Julia Creekmore

Lawson Creekmore

Elizabeth Deneen

Bella Dowd

Ben Dowd

Esther Duprey

Levi Duprey

Taylor Foster

Jason Gulstrom

Alice Hopkins

Lucy Hopkins

Kyle Horton

Micah Jeffries

Mya Lorick

Catalina Lowers

Austin Natale

Ashley Pantana

John Mark Rives

Sarah Rives

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we are focused on earthly matters rather than the things of heaven. We confess that we are often entangled with our sin and captivated with pleasures and things of this world. That we frequently gratify the flesh, and serve and indulge our senses. That we cling to the things of this place which clouds our vision for the things of You. Lord forgive us for our nearsightedness and open the eyes of our heart that we might know the glorious riches of your mercy and the promise of everlasting life with Christ Jesus our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 43:25

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MINUTE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:8-17

⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹²that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶For 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."

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 1:16-17

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SERMON "The Character of the Epistle" - Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

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.

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SONG OF RESPONSE

How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”
3. “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.”
4. “When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”
5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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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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