

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 45:2, 22; 46:13

**Leader:** I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God.

**People:** Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

**Leader:** I will bring near my righteousness; it is not far off.

**People:** And my salvation will not delay.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### SONG OF PRAISE

### Bless the Lord O My Soul (Psalm 103)

1. My God is slow to anger when I go astray.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
For all of my betrayals, He will not repay.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
Through mercy and compassion His great love is proved;  
He covers my transgressions like the snow.  
As far as east from west are all my sins removed.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

2. He saved me from the pit when I had lost all hope.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
From endless springs of kindness all His blessings flow.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
Our days will fade like flowers and are quickly spent,  
And like the wind our years will come and go.  
Everlasting favor is His covenant.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

3. Merciful and gracious is my God to me.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
And I will tell His goodness through eternity.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
And bless the Lord, you angels, all you heav'nly hosts  
And every living creature here below.  
Praise the Father, praise the Son, and Holy Ghost.  
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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

<sup>1</sup> Sing aloud to God our strength;  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!  
<sup>2</sup> Raise a song; sound the tambourine,  
the sweet lyre with the harp.  
<sup>3</sup> Blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
at the full moon, on our feast day.  
<sup>4</sup> For it is a statute for Israel,  
a rule of the God of Jacob.  
<sup>5</sup> He made it a decree in Joseph  
when he went out over the land of Egypt.  
I hear a language I had not known:  
<sup>6</sup> "I relieved your shoulder of the burden;  
your hands were freed from the basket.  
<sup>7</sup> In distress you called, and I delivered you;  
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;  
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*  
<sup>8</sup> Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

## Psalm 81

<sup>9</sup> There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.  
<sup>10</sup> I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.  
<sup>11</sup> "But my people did not listen to my voice;  
Israel would not submit to me.  
<sup>12</sup> So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
to follow their own counsels.  
<sup>13</sup> Oh, that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!  
<sup>14</sup> I would soon subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.  
<sup>15</sup> Those who hate the Lord would cringe toward him,  
and their fate would last forever.  
<sup>16</sup> But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

## 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.

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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## Help My Unbelief

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Hebrews 4:15-16

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. Before the throne of God, above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

## Before the Throne of God Above

3. Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb!  
My perfect spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
The King of Glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.  
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## RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

*Andrew George  
Eliana George  
Isabella George  
Josiah George*

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Gianna Faith George*

## 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.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Romans 1:24-27

<sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup>because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

<sup>26</sup>For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup>and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

## CONGREGATIONAL READING

## Romans 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

## SERMON "God Gave Them Up" - Rev. Bryan Rigg

## COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY SONG

### Lord I Need You

1. Lord I come, I confess;  
Bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You, I fall apart;  
You're the one that guides my heart.

#### Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,  
Ev'ry hour I need You;  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh, God, how I need You.

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more,  
Where grace is found is where You are;  
Where You are, Lord, I am free,  
Holiness is Christ in me.  
Chorus

#### Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way.  
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You;  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

#### Ending Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,  
Ev'ry hour I need You;  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh, God, how I need You.  
You're my one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh, God how I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh, God how I need You.

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# SONG OF RESPONSE

# Made Alive

1. I once was dead in sin, alone and hopeless.  
A child of wrath, I walked condemned in darkness.  
But Your mercy brought new life, and in your love and kindness,  
Raised me up with Christ and made me righteous.

## Chorus

You have bought me back with the riches of  
Your amazing grace and relentless love.  
I'm made alive forever with you – life forever.  
By your grace I'm saved.

2. Lord you are the light, that broke the darkness.  
You satisfy my soul, when I am heartless.  
If ever I forget my true identity,  
Show me who I am and help me to believe.  
Chorus

## Bridge

My sin has been erased.  
I'll never be the same.  
My sin has been erased.  
I'll never be the same.

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!**

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