

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:10-12

Leader: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth.

People: It shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Leader: For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

People: The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing.

Leader: And all the trees in the field shall clap their hands.

HYMN OF INVOCATION

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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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice:

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on His throne!
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare!
Come let us adore Him.

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!
Chorus

(Bridge)

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth!) (4X)
Chorus 2X

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear Father in Heaven we confess to you that we are lawbreakers. We confess that your holy law has revealed our desire to live for ourselves, to serve ourselves, and in so doing we become worshippers of ourselves. We truly have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. You have commanded us to love, as you have first loved us. We are broken by our sin and apart from your grace we are unable to live as you have called us. Dear Lord, please captivate our hearts with the love of Jesus demonstrated on the cross and by your Holy Spirit equip us to love you and love others, that you may be glorified in heaven.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Man of Sorrows, What a Name

1. Man of Sorrows, what a name
For the Son of God who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place, condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

3. Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement, can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

4. Lifted up was He to die;
“It is finished!” was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

5. When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:28-32

²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

SERMON

**“Deserving to Die”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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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!

POSTLUDE

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