

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1-5, 18, 21

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

People: Give thanks to the LORD! Sing to him a new song!

Leader: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

People: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD

Leader: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

People: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

In Tenderness

1. In tenderness He sought me
Weary and sick with sin,
And on His shoulders brought me
Back to His fold again,
While angels in His presence sang
Until the courts of heaven rang.

Chorus

O - o - oh the love that sought me
O - o - oh the blood that bought me
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God
Grace that brought me to the fold of God.

2. He died for me while I was sinning
Needy and poor and blind.
He whispered to assure me
"I've found thee; thou art Mine."
I never heard a sweeter voice.
It made my aching heart rejoice.
Chorus

3. Upon His grace I'll daily ponder
And sing anew His praise
With all adoring wonder
His blessings I'll retrace.
It seems as if eternal days
Are far too short to sing His praise.
Chorus x2

*Words public domain/Nate Garvey
Arrangement by Citizens
© 2011 Citizens. It's All About Jesus Music*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, forgive us for works devoid of faith, for labors lacking in love, and for wavering without hope. We confess how little we contemplate the grace and peace that are ours in the gospel. Instead, we are overwhelmed and anxious about many things. Work within us by the power of your Holy Spirit, assuring us of your love, producing conviction for our sin, and confidence in your great mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Arise, My Soul, Arise

1. Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears.
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus

Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

2. He ever lives above,
For me to intercede.
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
Chorus

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”
Chorus

4. My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.
Chorus 2X

*Authors: Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Kevin Twit
© 1996 Kevin Twit Music*

MISSIONS MINUTE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 2:17-24

¹⁷ But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God ¹⁸ and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; ¹⁹ and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— ²¹ you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? ²² You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. ²⁴ For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Romans 3:10b-18

^{10b} “None is righteous, no, not one;
¹¹ no one understands;
no one seeks for God.
¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.”
¹³ “Their throat is an open grave;
they use their tongues to deceive.”
“The venom of asps is under their lips.”
¹⁴ “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”
¹⁵ “Their feet are swift to shed blood;
¹⁶ in their paths are ruin and misery,
¹⁷ and the way of peace they have not known.”
¹⁸ “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

SERMON **“Dishonoring God”**
- **Rev. Bryan Rigg**

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Grace Alone

1. I was an orphan, lost at the fall, running away when I'd hear you call,
But Father, you worked your will.
I had no righteousness of my own; I had no right to draw near your throne,
But Father, you loved me still.

Chorus 1

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my station.
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone.

2. You left your home to seek out the lost; You knew the great and terrible cost,
But Jesus, your face was set.
I worked my fingers down to the bone; Nothing I did could ever atone,
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

Chorus 2

By your blood I have redemption and salvation.
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown,
And you rose that I might be a new creation.
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

Bridge

I was darkness all of my life; I never knew the day from the night,
But Spirit, you made me see.
I swore I knew the way on my own; Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone,
But Spirit, you moved in me.

Chorus 3

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened.
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

Ending

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone.
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone.
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone.
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone.

SENDING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness;
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Refrain

*Authors: Thomas Obediah Chisholm & William Marion Runyan
© 1923. Renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Company*

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

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CCLI LICENSE #11042946

Bryan Rigg, Pastor • 434-907-0711 (m) • bryan.rigg@mercypres.org
101 D Northwynd Cir., Lynchburg, VA 24502 • Website: www.mercypres.org