

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 45:19-20, 22

Leader: I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, “Seek me in vain.”

People: I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right.

Leader: Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, your survivors of the nations!

People: Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

Leader: For I am God, and there is no other.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam;
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

Refrain

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Refrain

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V. 3-4, Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird
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All Creatures of Our God and King

3. All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin;
Cast all your burdens now on Him.
Refrain

4. He shall return in pow’r to reign.
Heaven and earth will join to say:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King!

Ending Refrain

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN

In this world we have trouble. Yet we do not often cry out to you in our sorrow. Instead we have wallowed in it, with little hope that you have overcome the world. You promise to work all things for good, and resurrect us in your glory. But we would rather have earthly pleasure than be conformed to the likeness of Christ our Savior. Teach us, as we groan inwardly, to wait eagerly for the fullness of our salvation. Help us in our weakness to pray in the Spirit, with confidence that those you have called, you have justified, and those you have justified, you will surely glorify.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.
2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.
3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.
4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.
5. Soul, then know thy full salvation;
Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heav'n, canst thou repine.
6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heav'n's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

1. Oh Lord, My God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

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How Great Thou Art

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!
Refrain

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "my God, how great Thou art!"
Refrain 2x

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:1-8

¹Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? ²Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? ⁴By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged."

⁵But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) ⁶By no means! For then how could God judge the world? ⁷But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? ⁸And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

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

"Contradictions with God"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary;
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy;
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

2. Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife;
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying:
"My yoke is easy, my burden is light."

Chorus

Come unto Jesus,
Come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

3. Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners;
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters;
Grace overflowing is yours evermore.
Chorus

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Come Unto Jesus

4. Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking;
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading;
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;
Life everlasting He offers to us.

Come unto Jesus,
Come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;
Come unto Jesus,
Come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

Chorus

Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

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3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain (2x)

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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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