

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### MAY 31, 2026

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When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

#### SONG OF ADORATION

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.

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

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.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

#### Hebrews 11:30-40

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup> And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

## HYMN 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.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear Father in heaven, we confess that our faith is weak. As we look to your Son, we are told that it is you we behold. And yet we often look to satisfy our souls with created things, rather than you, our Creator. Your Son is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; the Word, and the Resurrection. However, we are frequently confused about how to seek you, to find you, and to approach you. Forgive us for our sin and doubt, and help us to see Jesus, through your Word, and by your Holy Spirit, that we might confess 'no other way unto the Father, but through Christ Himself.'

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray;  
Find in Me thine all in all."

### Chorus

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## Help My Unbelief

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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## Jesus Paid It All

2. Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

Chorus 2X

3. And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete:  
"Jesus died, my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat!

Chorus

Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

- Rev. Bryan Keith

**Joshua 2:1-24**

<sup>1</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. <sup>2</sup> And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." <sup>3</sup> Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." <sup>4</sup> But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from." <sup>5</sup> And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." <sup>6</sup> But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. <sup>7</sup> So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out. <sup>8</sup> Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof <sup>9</sup> and said to the men, "I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. <sup>10</sup> For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. <sup>11</sup> And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. <sup>12</sup> Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign <sup>13</sup> that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." <sup>14</sup> And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you." <sup>15</sup> Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. <sup>16</sup> And she said to them, "Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way." <sup>17</sup> The men said to her, "We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. <sup>18</sup> Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. <sup>19</sup> Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. <sup>20</sup> But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear." <sup>21</sup> And she said, "According to your words, so be it." Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window. <sup>22</sup> They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing. <sup>23</sup> Then the two men returned. They came down from the hills and passed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them. <sup>24</sup> And they said to Joshua, "Truly the Lord has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us."

*(see insert for sermon notes)*

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

### 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

## SONG OF RESPONSE

1. I was an orphan, lost at the fall,  
running away when I'd hear your 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.

## 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!**

## His Mercy is More

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.  
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## Grace Alone

### Bridge

I was in 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.

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