

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY • JUNE 14, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP Galatians 4:4-7

Leader: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law.

People: So that we might receive adoption as sons.

Leader: And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts.

People: Crying, “Abba! Father!”

Leader: So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

SONG OF INVOCATION 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

(Interlude)

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 2:1-14

¹Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ²I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— ⁵to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸(for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

SERMON

“Running in Vain”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF PREPARATION

By Thy Mercy

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heav'n Thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore Thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hard'ning pow'r of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within.

Chorus

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord;
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's pow'r,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace.
Chorus

5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.

6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on Thee relying,
Find Thee still our Rock and Stay.
Chorus 2X

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, we confess that we have not glorified you, but instead act as though we ourselves are gods. Rather than joyfully serving you, we seek our own glory and live for what brings us pleasure. Yet we have not found freedom, and we are not fulfilled. Instead we have become slaves to our own desires and live under their demands. In your grace and might, through Christ our Savior, deliver us, we pray! Renew our hearts to love what you love, to delight where you delight, and to enjoy you forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN Behold the Lamb

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember:
The promise made, that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace,
Around the table of the King.

REFLECTION ON CHRIST'S BODY

2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you, eat and remember:
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love,
Around the table of the King.

REFLECTION ON CHRIST'S BLOOD

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you, drink and remember:
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace,
Around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember:
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n,
Around the table of the King.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

Isaiah 43

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus

Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women: I am the Lord your God)

I am the Lord your God

All: I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

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2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus

I am the Lord.

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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!

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

POSTLUDE