

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:1-3, 5-7

Leader: We will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day we will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, we will meditate.

Leader: We shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and we will declare your greatness.

People: We shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed Be Your Name

1. Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

2. Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say
Chorus

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

(BRIDGE)
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name
Chorus

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

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NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 9:30-10:4

³⁰ What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. ³² Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. ³³ As it is written:

“See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble

and a rock that makes them fall,

and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

¹ Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ² For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³ Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. ⁴ Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

CONFESSON OF SIN

Heavenly Father, in Christ you tell us that the righteous shall live by faith. Yet there is much in our lives that does not proceed from faith. Forgive our doubting your goodness, when we grumble, complain, and accuse. Forgive our doubting your care, when we are filled with anxiety that rules our hearts and minds. Forgive our doubting your sovereign plan, when we become angry when things don’t go our way. Forgive our doubting your love, when we search elsewhere for acceptance. O Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief! And though weak in faith, we hope in the strength of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:33-34

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Nothing but the Blood

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

3. Glory! Glory! This I sing!
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
All my praise for this I bring.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 4:21-31

²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³ But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴ Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵ Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶ But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷ For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”

²⁸ Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹ But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰ But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹ So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

SERMON

“Slave or Free – Which Will It Be?”

- Rev. Keith Peck

HYMNS OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.
4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
A-men

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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