

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 35:10

Leader: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing.

People: Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness with joy.

Leader: And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth!
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen,
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him!
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Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, we confess our sin with confidence, for Christ Jesus has become sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. We confess our sin with conviction, because you call us to no longer live for ourselves but for Him who for our sake died and was raised. Now we pray that you would conform us to His image, as we follow Christ our Savior, who entrusted Himself to you in all things.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 10:14, 17-18

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness for these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

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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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Tessa Judith Pearson

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 1:4-11

⁴ As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. ⁵ And I said, “O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷ We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. ⁸ Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, ⁹ but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’ ¹⁰ They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. ¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

SERMON

“Overcoming Hopelessness”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

SONG OF RESPONSE

Abide With Me

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing
eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the
skies.

Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain
shadows flee;

In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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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!

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