

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 132: 7-9, 16

Leader: Let us go to his dwelling place!

**People: Let us worship at his footstool!**

Leader: Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

**People: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your saints shout for joy.**

Leader: “Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.”

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy Holy Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

## Psalm 23

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we hesitate to draw near. We fear admitting our sins to ourselves, let alone confessing them openly before you. We envision your throne as a place of sure condemnation rather than rich mercy. We doubt your promise of steadfast love, believing our many transgressions will surely exceed the limits of your divine grace. Assure us once again of Jesus' words, "I am willing. Be clean!" And so comfort us as we confess. Turn our mourning into joy. Satisfy us with your goodness. Give us gladness for sorrow. Fill our hearts with assurance that we might sing your praise!

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

## Jesus Paid it All

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.

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

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.  
He washed it white as snow.  
He washed it white as snow.

### (BRIDGE)

Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead.

### (REPEAT 4X)

### Chorus

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

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

## Be Thou My Vision

(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship during the last stanza.  
Visitors' children are welcome.)

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:11-27

<sup>11</sup> As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. <sup>12</sup> He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. <sup>13</sup> Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' <sup>14</sup> But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' <sup>15</sup> When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. <sup>16</sup> The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' <sup>18</sup> And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' <sup>20</sup> Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; <sup>21</sup> for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' <sup>22</sup> He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? <sup>23</sup> Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' <sup>24</sup> And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' <sup>25</sup> And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' <sup>26</sup> 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>27</sup> But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'"

## SERMON

**"The Parable of the Ten Minas"**

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY HYMN

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

#### Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness;  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
Chorus

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.  
Chorus

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
3. Let every kindred every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
4. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

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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!**

## POSTLUDE

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