

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Ezekiel 34:11-16

**Leader:** For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep.

**People:** **And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land.**

**Leader:** There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

**People:** **I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### HYMN OF GATHERING

#### Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

1. Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name.  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by His grace and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He presents our souls to God.

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God.

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store,  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more.  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky.  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

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## NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 17:1-14

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 118:21-24

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### SONG 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

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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# CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Robin Ransom Canning*

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
from age to age. Amen, amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>3</sup> What does man gain by all the toil  
at which he toils under the sun?

<sup>4</sup> A generation goes, and a generation comes,  
but the earth remains forever.

<sup>5</sup> The sun rises, and the sun goes down,  
and hastens to the place where it rises.

<sup>6</sup> The wind blows to the south  
and goes around to the north;  
around and around goes the wind,  
and on its circuits the wind returns.

<sup>7</sup> All streams run to the sea,  
but the sea is not full;  
to the place where the streams flow,  
there they flow again.

<sup>8</sup> All things are full of weariness;  
a man cannot utter it;  
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,  
nor the ear filled with hearing.

<sup>9</sup> What has been is what will be,  
and what has been done is what will be done,  
and there is nothing new under the sun.

<sup>10</sup> Is there a thing of which it is said,  
"See, this is new"?

It has been already  
in the ages before us.

<sup>11</sup> There is no remembrance of former things,  
nor will there be any remembrance  
of later things yet to be  
among those who come after.

### SERMON

**"Wisdom in an Age of Foolishness"**  
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

# COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## Be Thou My Vision

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.  
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Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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## HYMN OF RESPONSE

## Your Great Name We Praise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise;  
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.  
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;  
Almighty, victorious,  
Your great name we praise!
2. Unresting, unchanging and silent as light;  
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might;  
Your justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
Your clouds which are fountains  
Of goodness and love.

### Chorus

Most Holy, Most glorious,  
The Ancient of Days;  
Almighty, victorious,  
Your great name we praise!

3. All life comes from You, Lord,  
To both great and small;  
In all life You live, Lord, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;  
We wither and perish but You never fail!  
Chorus

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;  
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we will render, oh Father of grace,  
Till one day, in splendor, we see face to face!  
Chorus 2X

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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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