

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

People: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

Leader: But the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

People: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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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CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 38:1-4, 15, 18, 21-22

Leader: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.

People: There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

Leader: For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

People: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Leader: Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Grace Alone

1. I was an orphan, lost at the fall, running away when I'd hear you call,
But Father, you worked your will.
I had no righteousness of my own; I had no right to draw near your throne,
But Father, you loved me still.

Chorus 1

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my station.
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone.

2. You left your home to seek out the lost; You knew the great and terrible cost,
But Jesus, your face was set.
I worked my fingers down to the bone; Nothing I did could ever atone,
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

Chorus 2

By your blood I have redemption and salvation.
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown,
And you rose that I might be a new creation.
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

Bridge

I was darkness all of my life; I never knew the day from the night,
But Spirit, you made me see.
I swore I knew the way on my own; Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone,
But Spirit, you moved in me.

Chorus 3

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened.
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

Ending

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone.
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone.
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone.
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nora Grace Bell

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.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 10:1-15

¹ Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench;
so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.

² A wise man's heart inclines him to the right,
but a fool's heart to the left.

³ Even when the fool walks on the road, he lacks sense,
and he says to everyone that he is a fool.

⁴ If the anger of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your place,
for calmness will lay great offenses to rest.

⁵ There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error proceeding from the ruler: ⁶ folly is set in many high places, and the rich sit in a low place. ⁷ I have seen slaves on horses, and princes walking on the ground like slaves.

⁸ He who digs a pit will fall into it,
and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall.

⁹ He who quarries stones is hurt by them,
and he who splits logs is endangered by them.

¹⁰ If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge,
he must use more strength,
but wisdom helps one to succeed.

¹¹ If the serpent bites before it is charmed,
there is no advantage to the charmer.

¹² The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor,
but the lips of a fool consume him.

¹³ The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness,
and the end of his talk is evil madness.

¹⁴ A fool multiplies words,
though no man knows what is to be,
and who can tell him what will be after him?

¹⁵ The toil of a fool wearies him,
for he does not know the way to the city.

SERMON

**“Wisdom and Folly”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF RESPONSE

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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SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus is Alive

1. There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days,
For the One that once was buried lives again.
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away.
Praise the Risen One who overcame the grave!

2. All you broken hearted, all you worn and weak,
Come find living water, everlasting streams.
To the wandering spirit, lost and searching, wanting something more,
Find the Risen King who overcomes the world!

Chorus

Let there be dancing in the darkness,
And let our song break through the night.
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King,
For Jesus is Alive!

3. No more condemnation, no more doubt and fear,
For our sin and shame, they have no power here.
In His resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free.
Praise the Risen King who stands in victory!
Chorus

Bridge (3x)

Hallelujah, death is undone;
Hallelujah, Jesus has won;
Hallelujah, we overcome;
Oh in Jesus, oh in Jesus!

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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