Vercy Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 68:4, 18-20, 32-33, 35

- Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!
- People: You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts from among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.
- Leader: Blessed be the Lord who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.
- People: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens.
- Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.
- All: Blessed be God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

 All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing.
 O praise Him! Alleluia!
 Thou, burning sun with golden beam; Thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

Chorus

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Let all things their Creator blessAnd worship Him in humbleness.O praise Him! Alleluia!Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,And praise the Spirit, Three in One!Chorus

3. All the Redeemed washed by His blood Come and rejoice in His great love. O praise Him! Alleluia! Christ has defeated every sin; Cast all your burdens now on Him. Chorus

All Creatures of Our God and King

4. He shall return in pow'r to reign. Heaven and earth will join to say: O praise Him! Alleluia! Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King!

Ending Chorus

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

V. 1-2, St. Francis of Assisi, translated by William Henry Draper V. 3-4, Jonathan Baird and Ryan Baird © 2013 Sovereign Grace Worship

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 5:1-16

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,

and arise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, we are reconciled by your grace, joined together in your Son. Yet we confess how deeply sin marks our way, and how quickly we depart from the path of peace. You call us to humility, gentleness, and patience. We must confess our pride, that we are callous, and unforgiving. We treat one another as burdens, rather than bearing with one another in love. Forgive us, and continue to bear with us, we pray! And work your grace into our hearts, by your Spirit, that your love for us may shape our fellowship with one another.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

 How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away, As wounds, which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold, the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

How Deep the Father's Love

3. I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection!Why should I gain from His reward?I cannot give an answer;But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship after the prayer. Visitors' children are welcome. Today's volunteers: Ben Spivey, Fiona Hobson, Stewart Orr

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 12

⁹ Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. ¹⁰ The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

¹¹The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹² My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

¹³ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

SERMON

"The Summary of the Book" - Rev. Bryan Rigg

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

1. Oh Lord, My God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder; Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin! Chorus

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, "my God, how great Thou art!" Chorus 2x

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How Great Thou Art

HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace. (Repeat Verse 1)

2. My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

3. "Jesus," the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;'Tis music in the sinner's ears,'Tis life and health and peace.

4. He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

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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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

6. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come, And leap ye lame for joy!

(Repeat Verse 1)

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