

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:89-94

Leader: Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: **Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.**

Leader: If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

People: **I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. I am yours; save me.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### SONG OF PRAISE

Bless the Lord O My Soul (Ps. 103)

1. My God is slow to anger when I go astray.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
For all of my betrayals, He will not repay.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
Through mercy and compassion His great love is proved;  
He covers my transgressions like the snow.  
As far as east from west are all my sins removed.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

2. He saved me from the pit when I had lost all hope.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
From endless springs of kindness all His blessings flow.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
Our days will fade like flowers and are quickly spent,  
And like the wind our years will come and go.  
Everlasting favor is His covenant.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

3. Merciful and gracious is my God to me.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
And I will tell His goodness through eternity.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
And bless the Lord, you angels, all you heav'nly hosts  
And every living creature here below.  
Praise the Father, praise the Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

And bless the Lord, you angels, all you heav'nly hosts  
And every living creature here below.  
Praise the Father, praise the Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul; Bless the Lord, O my soul

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Lord,  
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
 You have set your glory above the heavens.  
<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
 you have established strength because of your foes,  
 to still the enemy and the avenger.  
<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
 the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
<sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him,  
 and the son of man that you care for him?  
<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
 and crowned him with glory and honor.  
<sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
 you have put all things under his feet,  
<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
 and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
<sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord,  
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 1:23, 25

You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;  
 And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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.  
 Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

# PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Revelation 7

<sup>1</sup> After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

<sup>6</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

<sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

<sup>8</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God,

and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## SERMON

## "A Perfected People"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

There is a Fountain

1. There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
Lose all their guilty stains.  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood  
Lose all their guilty stains.

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there have I, though vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away;  
Washed all my sins away;  
Washed all my sins away.  
And there have I, though vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away.

3. Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more;  
Be saved to sin no more;  
Be saved to sin no more.  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more.

4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die;  
And shall be till I die;  
And shall be till I die.  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
and shall be till I die.

5. When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue  
Lies silent in the grave,  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

## CLOSING SONG

## All Hail the King of Heaven

1. All hail the King of Heaven, Christ the Lord of all,  
Whom thundering angels circle 'round ablaze with awe;  
Let now the Hallelujah, of earth in glad refrain,  
Ascend the throne, To him belongs immortal praise.

### Chorus

All hail the king of heaven,  
Creation join together,  
Let endless praises crown his name  
All hail the king of heaven.

2. All hail the Great Redeemer, who so humbly came  
The lamb of our salvation, O for sinners slain  
Let now a loud Hosanna resound from shore to shore  
You nations say, "His kingdom reigns, forevermore!"  
Chorus

3. Let praise of nations rise now as a symphony  
To sound the endless wonders of his majesty  
Let every heart adore him, the great and small the same  
Through generations ever let his anthem ring!  
Chorus x2

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa | © 2021 Getty Music Publishing

## 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

**MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CCLI LICENSE #11042946**

Bryan Rigg, Pastor • 434-907-0711 (m) • bryan@mercypres.org  
101 D Northwynd Circle, Lynchburg, VA 24502 • Website: www.mercypres.org