

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-4

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!**

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

People: **Who redeems your life from the pit.**

Leader: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

SONG OF INVOCATION

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul, worship His holy name!
Sing like never before, O my soul! I'll worship Your holy name.

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Chorus

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!
Chorus 2X

I'll worship Your holy name,
I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. 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,

Refrain

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

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

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.
Refrain

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

People: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity.

Leader: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

All: And you forgive the iniquity of my sin.

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 Refrain

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*

Psalm 32:1-5

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeremiah 33:6a, 8

"Behold, I will bring health and healing. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me."

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Made Alive

1. I once was dead in sin, alone and hopeless.
A child of wrath, I walked condemned in darkness.
But Your mercy brought new life, and in your love and kindness,
Raised me up with Christ and made me righteous.

Chorus

You have bought me back with the riches of
Your amazing grace and relentless love.
I'm made alive forever with you – life forever.
By your grace I'm saved.

2. Lord you are the light, that broke the darkness.
You satisfy my soul, when I am heartless.
If ever I forget my true identity,
Show me who I am and help me to believe.

Chorus

Bridge

My sin has been erased.
I'll never be the same.
My sin has been erased.
I'll never be the same.

Chorus 2x

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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Kyle Stephen Horton

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

Revelation 21:9-22:5

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵And the one who spoke with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. ¹⁶The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width. And he measured the city with his rod, 12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal. ¹⁷He also measured its wall, 144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel's measurement. ¹⁸The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. ²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

SERMON “New Jerusalem”
 - 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.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

Rejoice the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore!

Refrain

Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus the Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above.

Refrain

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3. His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n.
Refrain

4. He sits at God's right hand,
till all His foes submit.
And bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.
Refrain

5. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home!
Refrain 2X

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