

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 4:4-7

**Leader:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

**People:** **The Lord is at hand.**

**Leader:** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**People:** **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### HYMN OF PRAISE

### 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

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

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## NEW TESTAMENT READING

## Philippians 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. <sup>2</sup> Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

### HYMN OF ASSURANCE

### Come Thou Fount

1. Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise!  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home;  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious Blood!

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above!

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# CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Corinne Treva Wyand*

## 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

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith.  
A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!  
<sup>2</sup> My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.  
<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.  
<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise! *Selah*  
<sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
<sup>6</sup> As they go through the Valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

## Psalm 84

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength;  
each one appears before God in Zion.  
<sup>8</sup> O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*  
<sup>9</sup> Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!  
<sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.  
<sup>11</sup> For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
the Lord bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.  
<sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

# SERMON

“The God Who Refreshes”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

### SONG OF RESPONSE

#### Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion,  
We will sing with our hearts restored;  
“He has done great things,” we will say together,  
We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire;  
He is the LORD our God.

We are not consumed by the flood;  
Upheld, protected, gathered up,

Chorus

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### We Will Feast in the House of Zion

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn,  
My soul, be not afraid;  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength!

Chorus

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed,  
You are the Faithful one;  
And from the garden to the grave,  
Bind us together, bring shalom!

Chorus x2

### 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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