

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 55:1, 6-7

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

People: **And he who has no money, come, buy and eat!**

Leader: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People: **Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.**

Leader: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous his thoughts.

People: **Let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him.**

Leader: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

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

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!

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 56

Question: What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

Answer: I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no more remember my sins, nor my sinful nature, against which I have to struggle all my life, but He will graciously grant me the righteousness of Christ, that I may never come into condemnation.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Man of Sorrows, What a Name

1. Man of Sorrows, what a name
For the Son of God who came,
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place, condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

3. Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement, can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

4. Lifted up was He to die;
"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high;
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

5. When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

A Prayer of one afflicted, when he is faint and pours out his complaint before the Lord.

- ¹ Hear my prayer, O Lord;
let my cry come to you!
² Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!
Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call!
³ For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.
⁴ My heart is struck down like grass
and has withered;
I forget to eat my bread.
⁵ Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my flesh.
⁶ I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,
like an owl of the waste places;
⁷ I lie awake;
I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.
⁸ All the day my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a curse.
⁹ For I eat ashes like bread
and mingle tears with my drink,
¹⁰ because of your indignation and anger;
for you have taken me up and thrown me down.
¹¹ My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.
¹² But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.
¹³ You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her;
the appointed time has come.
¹⁴ For your servants hold her stones dear
and have pity on her dust.

Psalm 102

- ¹⁵ Nations will fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.
¹⁶ For the Lord builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory;
¹⁷ he regards the prayer of the destitute
and does not despise their prayer.
¹⁸ Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created
may praise the Lord:
¹⁹ that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,
²⁰ to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,
²¹ that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,
and in Jerusalem his praise,
²² when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.
²³ He has broken my strength in midcourse;
he has shortened my days.
²⁴ “O my God,” I say, “take me not away
in the midst of my days—
you whose years endure
throughout all generations!”
²⁵ Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
²⁶ They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe,
and they will pass away,
²⁷ but you are the same,
and your years have no end.
²⁸ The children of your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established before you.

SERMON “The Grace of Affliction” - Rev. Tony Myers

When I am experiencing pain and I doubt that God is with me and for me, Psalm 102 reminds me that God hears my prayers, knows my pain, keeps His promises, and I can rest in His power.

Introduction:

1. Our Prayer (vv.1-2)

3. His Promises (vv.12-22)

2. Our Pain (vv.3-11)

4. His Power (vv. 23-28)

Conclusion: The Gospel (vv.23-24)

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF RESPONSE

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

1. When the enemy surrounds and my heart grows faint within,
When the darkness overwhelms and my fears are pressing in
I will trust in You, O Lord, in the silence I will wait;
I will stand upon Your Word.

Chorus 1

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

2. You're my stronghold and my shield, in the midst of every threat.
Though the wicked never yield, they will vanish like a breath.
Yes, I know the outcome's sure, Satan's evil plans will fail;
In Your power I'm secure.

Chorus 2

You're my solid rock and my salvation,
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken,
My refuge, and my sure foundation.
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.

3. This is love I can't explain, this is mercy unreserved.
Through Your sacrifice so great, I have peace that's undeserved.
For the battle has been won, and I fear no shame or loss;
Now the sting of death is gone.

Chorus 2 (2x)

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People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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