

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, SEPT. 3, 2023

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111:1-4,7-8

**Leader:** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People:** Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

**Leader:** Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**People:** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**Leader:** The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

**People:** They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### SONG OF PRAISE

### The Lord's Become Our Salvation (Psalm 118)

1. Out of my distress I called out for help;  
And the Lord came quickly to save me.  
Praise our God most high; He is on my side,  
For the Lord's become my salvation!

2. Open up the gate where the righteous wait;  
To behold the face of their Savior.  
I am welcomed in by my Lord and friend,  
And the Lord's become my salvation!

#### Chorus

Oh give thanks to the Lord,  
For his never-ending love!  
We will celebrate what He's done this day.  
For the Lord's become our salvation!  
For the Lord's become our salvation!

3. Now the stone ignored by the strong and proud  
Has become the Church's foundation.  
Let the weak give praise for this gift of grace,  
For the Lord's become our salvation!  
Chorus 2X

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

As for the confession of sins, scripture teaches us thus: because it is the Lord who forgives, forgets, and wipes out sins, let us confess to Him to obtain grace and pardon. He is the Physician so let us show Him our wounds and sores. It is He who has been offended and wounded so let us ask of Him mercy and peace. It is He who knows the hearts and sees all the thoughts so let us open our hearts before Him. It is He who calls sinners so let us withdraw to Him. David says: "I have made known to you my sin ... To whom do we confess them? To Him certainly. That is, if with an afflicted and humbled heart we bow ourselves before Him; if in true sincerity, rebuking and condemning ourselves before His face, we ask to be absolved by His goodness and mercy. Whoever makes this confession of heart before God will also no doubt have a tongue ready to confess, when there is need to proclaim God's mercy among the people. And this not only to disclose the secret of his heart to a single person, once, in the ear, but freely to make known his poverty as well as God's glory, more than a few times, publicly and with all the world hearing. In this way, after having been rebuked by Nathan and being pierced with a goad of conscience, David confessed his sin before God and before people. He says: "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Sam. 12), that is, "I do not want to excuse myself any more, or equivocate so that everyone will not judge me to be a sinner, or so that what I wanted to hide from God might not be clear even to people."

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:10

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## HYMN OF ASSURANCE

## Jesus Paid it All

1. I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray;  
Find in Me thine all in all."

### Chorus

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

2. Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.  
Chorus

3. And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete:  
"Jesus died, my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat!  
Chorus

Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

(BRIDGE)

Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead.

(REPEAT 4X)

Chorus

Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

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# PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY SONG

### In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace!  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.  
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### CONGREGATIONAL READING

### Romans 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

### SERMON

### "The Main Point"

- Rev. Tony Myers

# CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

# Just As I Am

1. Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am tho' tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt  
Fightings and fears within, without  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve  
Because Thy promise I believe  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
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O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## The Power of the Cross

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary;  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

2. Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

### Chorus 1

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

3. Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its maker bows His head;  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
"Finished," the vict'ry cry!  
Chorus

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For, through Your suffering, I am free;  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

### Chorus 2

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God slain for us;  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand, forgiven, at the cross.  
REPEAT

## How Deep the Father's Love

1. 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.

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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## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

## 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!**

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