

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:11-13

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

People: **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Leader: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

People: **He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

This s My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world,
He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That, though the wrong seems oft so
strong,
God is the Ruler yet!
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done:
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one!
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CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, help me in my weakness. When I am pushed down and feel crushed beneath the weight of burdens and sorrows, be with me. Often, all I see is confusion, chaos, and sadness in the world around me. Lord, strengthen my heart and lift up my soul that I might worship you even as my spirit faints within me. Keep me from cursing your name or doubting your love, but let me know that you appoint my every step and stumble, for your glory and for my good. Uplift my failing spirit, O Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7-8

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that foll'west all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:1-10

¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

SERMON

“Fulfilling the Law by Bearing Each Other's Burdens”

- Rev. Ben Spivey

HYMN OF RESPONSE

PSALM 126

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Chorus

Although we are weeping, Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!

2. The nations will say “He has done great things!”

The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Chorus 2X

All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!

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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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