

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:13–18

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

People: In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

People: For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth—all things were created through him and for him.

Leader: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: And he is the head of the body, the church.

All: He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Chorus

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and tree and flower
Sun and moon, and stars of light
Chorus

(WOMEN ONLY)

3. For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Chorus

(MEN ONLY)

4. For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heaven
Chorus

(EVERYONE)

5. For Thy church which evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love
Chorus

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Lord Jesus, you declare, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

People: We confess that we are consumed with the riches of this age.

Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn."

People: But we pursue immediate pleasures.

Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

People: And yet we are satisfied with lesser things.

Leader: "Blessed are the merciful."

People: But we are unkind and quickly condemn.

Leader: "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

People: And yet we live for the approval of others.

All: Continue your work in us, and conform us to your image, that we might live for your kingdom.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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!

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

(BRIDGE)

Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead.
(REPEAT 3x)

Chorus

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

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:11-18

¹¹ See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

SERMON

“Boasting in the Cross”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE

How Great Thou Art

1. Oh Lord, My God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!
Chorus

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, “my God, how great Thou art!”
Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

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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