

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 John 3:1

Leader: See what kind of love the Father has given to us.

People: **That we should be called the children of God.**

Leader: And so we are!

PRAYER OF ADORATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Father Long Before Creation

1. Father long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

2. Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.

3. God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us,
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb;

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To our God and to the Lamb.

Words from Chinese Hymn, Translated by Francis Jones

Chorus and music by Andrew Osenga

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 11: 44-47

⁴⁴For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. ⁴⁵For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

⁴⁶This is the law about beast and bird and every living creature that moves through the waters and every creature that swarms on the ground, ⁴⁷to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living creature that may be eaten and the living creature that may not be eaten.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Be Thou My Vision

Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship during the last stanza. Visitors' children are welcome. Today's volunteers: Rusty Smith and Lauren Danforth

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.
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Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:13-25

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

"All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

SERMON

"The Hope of Holiness"

- Samuel Hix

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

Only a Holy God

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God!

2. What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God!

Chorus

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only.
Cry out! Sing holy! Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God!

3. What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God!

Chorus

4. Who else could rescue me from my
failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God; only my Holy God!

Chorus 2x

Come and worship the Holy God!
Come and worship the Holy God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

God our Father, our desire for your gifts is often greater than our desire to be close to you. We serve you not out of love, but hoping to earn your favor in return. Forgive us for our bitterness when we don't receive what we want, and for squandering your gracious gifts on ourselves rather than using them to glorify you. Open our eyes that we might see all that you have given us in Jesus Christ, your Son, that we might draw near, knowing your great love for us through him.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rock of Ages

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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

Chorus

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
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.
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

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

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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow!
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my cleansing this I see:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my pardon this my plea:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus

Nothing but the Blood

3. Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus

4. This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Chorus 2X

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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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