

# Mercy

Presbyterian Church

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 33:1-5, 18, 21**

**Leader:** Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

**People:** Give thanks to the LORD! Sing to him a new song!

**Leader:** For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

**People:** The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD

**Leader:** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

**People:** Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

#### 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 follow'st 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.

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

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

## Acts 3:11-21

<sup>11</sup> While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### HYMN OF PRAISE

### Come Thou Fount

1. Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise!  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home;  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious Blood!

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above!

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### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Children are welcome to remain in the service. However, "Equip for Worship" is available for children ages 4-5 and those children may be dismissed after the prayer.

Visitors, please escort your children if it is their first time.

Today's volunteers: (1<sup>st</sup>) Mandi Roberts and Susan Deneen (2<sup>nd</sup>) Nate Fowler and Kim Fast

## CONGREGATIONAL READING

## Joel 2:30-32

<sup>30</sup> "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. <sup>32</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls."

**Joel 1:1-20**

<sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord that came to Joel, the son of Pethuel: <sup>2</sup> Hear this, you elders; give ear, all inhabitants of the land! Has such a thing happened in your days, or in the days of your fathers? <sup>3</sup> Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children to another generation. <sup>4</sup> What the cutting locust left, the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten, and what the hopping locust left, the destroying locust has eaten. <sup>5</sup> Awake, you drunkards, and weep, and wail, all you drinkers of wine, because of the sweet wine, for it is cut off from your mouth. <sup>6</sup> For a nation has come up against my land, powerful and beyond number; its teeth are lions' teeth, and it has the fangs of a lioness. <sup>7</sup> It has laid waste my vine and splintered my fig tree; it has stripped off their bark and thrown it down; their branches are made white. <sup>8</sup> Lament like a virgin wearing sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth. <sup>9</sup> The grain offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the Lord. The priests mourn, the ministers of the Lord. <sup>10</sup> The fields are destroyed, the ground mourns, because the grain is destroyed, the wine dries up, the oil languishes. <sup>11</sup> Be ashamed, O tillers of the soil; wail, O vinedressers, for the wheat and the barley, because the harvest of the field has perished. <sup>12</sup> The vine dries up; the fig tree languishes. Pomegranate, palm, and apple, all the trees of the field are dried up, and gladness dries up from the children of man. <sup>13</sup> Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests; wail, O ministers of the altar. Go in, pass the night in sackcloth, O ministers of my God! Because grain offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God. <sup>14</sup> Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is near, and as destruction from the Almighty it comes. <sup>16</sup> Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God? <sup>17</sup> The seed shrivels under the clods; the storehouses are desolate; the granaries are torn down because the grain has dried up. <sup>18</sup> How the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed because there is no pasture for them; even the flocks of sheep suffer. <sup>19</sup> To you, O Lord, I call. For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and flame has burned all the trees of the field. <sup>20</sup> Even the beasts of the field pant for you because the water brooks are dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

**SERMON NOTES**

# SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## Philippians 1:6

<sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

1. Come unto Jesus, all you who are weary;  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy;  
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

2. Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife;  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying:  
"My yoke is easy, my burden is light."

### Chorus

Come unto Jesus,  
Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

3. Come taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners;  
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.  
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters;  
Grace overflowing is yours evermore.

### Chorus

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!

## Come Unto Jesus

4. Come now and follow Him, this life forsaking;  
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.  
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading;  
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;  
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross;  
Life everlasting He offers to us.

Come unto Jesus,  
Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;  
Come unto Jesus,  
Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough;  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

### Chorus

Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.

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## Man of Sorrows What a Name

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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## My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### Refrain

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand!

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
Refrain

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
Refrain

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
Refrain (2x)

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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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