

Mercy

Presbyterian Church

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 102:25-27, Hebrews 13:8

Leader: Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

People: **They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment.**

Leader: You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end.

All: **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND 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. 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you are the Son of Man come to sow God's word. Yet like the seed that falls on the hardened path, it is easily brushed aside; like the seed that falls on rocky ground, it takes no root; like the seed that falls among thorns, it is crowded out by other cares. We confess that often this is true of your word in our lives. And so we pray for ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to receive what you have spoken. And that by your Spirit, we may bear the fruit of what you have planted, in our lives and throughout the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

²⁰ For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. ²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²² and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Grace Alone

1. I was an orphan, lost at the fall,
 running away when I'd hear your call,
But Father, you worked your will.
I had no righteousness of my own;
 I had no right to draw near your throne,
But Father, you loved me still.

Chorus 1

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my station.
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone.

2. You left your home to seek out the lost;
 You knew the great and terrible cost,
But Jesus, your face was set.
I worked my fingers down to the bone;
 Nothing I did could ever atone,
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

Chorus 2

By your blood I have redemption and salvation.
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown,
And you rose that I might be a new creation.
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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

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

Today's volunteers: (1st) Mandi Roberts and Mark Granger (2nd) Richard Brueck and Stephen Bell

CONGREGATIONAL READING

Micah 6:8

⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 1:1-9

¹ The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

² Hear, you peoples, all of you;
pay attention, O earth, and all that is in it,
and let the Lord God be a witness against you,
the Lord from his holy temple.

³ For behold, the Lord is coming out of his place,
and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

⁴ And the mountains will melt under him,
and the valleys will split open,
like wax before the fire,
like waters poured down a steep place.

⁵ All this is for the transgression of Jacob
and for the sins of the house of Israel.

What is the transgression of Jacob?

Is it not Samaria?

And what is the high place of Judah?

Is it not Jerusalem?

⁶ Therefore I will make Samaria a heap in the open country,
a place for planting vineyards,
and I will pour down her stones into the valley
and uncover her foundations.

⁷ All her carved images shall be beaten to pieces,
all her wages shall be burned with fire,
and all her idols I will lay waste,
for from the fee of a prostitute she gathered them,
and to the fee of a prostitute they shall return.

⁸ For this I will lament and wail;
I will go stripped and naked;
I will make lamentation like the jackals,
and mourning like the ostriches.

⁹ For her wound is incurable,
and it has come to Judah;
it has reached to the gate of my people,
to Jerusalem.

SERMON NOTES

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Goodness of Jesus

1. Come you weary heart now to Jesus,
Come you anxious soul now and see.
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

2. Come find what this world cannot offer,
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus

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3. Come and find your hope now in Jesus;
He is all He said He would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.
Chorus (2x)

May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

Nothing But the Blood

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

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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Christ is Risen

1. Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame,
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him, who showed great love
And bled for us;
Freely You bled for us.

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling over death by death;
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave!
Christ is risen from the dead,
We are one with Him again;
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave!

2. Beneath the weight of all our sin,
You bowed to none but heaven's will;
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold You down.
In strength You reign,
Forever let Your church proclaim:
Chorus

Bridge

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light.
The glory of God has defeated the night.
O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light.
Our God is not dead;
He's alive! He's alive!
Chorus 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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