

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

1 Peter 2:9-10

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

All: **Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & 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 **All People that on Earth do Dwell (Psalm 100)**

Sing to the tune of the Doxology (Old Hundredth)

1. ¹All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice;

²Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

2. ³Know that the LORD is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he surely feeds,
The sheep who by his hand were made.

3. ⁴O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim!
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name!

4. ⁵Because the LORD our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 2:1-5

¹ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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.

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!

Come, Thou Fount

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!

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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CONGREGATIONAL READING

Hosea 2:19b-23

^{19b} I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. ²⁰ I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD. ²¹ “And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth, ²² and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel, ²³ and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people’; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Hosea 1

⁷ And The word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beerī, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. ² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.” ³ So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. ⁴ And the LORD said to him, “Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵ And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.” ⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, “Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all. ⁷ But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen.” ⁸ When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹ And the LORD said, “Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.” ¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.” ¹¹ And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

SERMON NOTES

1. Forsaking the Lord

2. No Mercy

3. Great Mercy

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess our wandering hearts that so often are dissatisfied & discontent with You as our portion, seeking the better this world can provide. Even though we again and again experience that we have dug broken cisterns that cannot hold water, we continue our quest. Forgive us for exalting the good things of this world over the better hope, the better covenant you have given us in Christ, our perfect High Priest. Grant that our hearts would be increasingly enthralled by the beauty and wonder of your great salvation and our great Savior that we might say with the Psalmist, "there is nothing on earth I desire besides you...God is my portion forever."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:33-34

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Just As I Am

1. Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am tho' tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need in Thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Before the Throne of God, Above

1. Before the throne of God, above,
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb!
My perfect spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
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With Christ my Savior and my God,
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All Sufficient Merit

1. All sufficient merit shining like the sun.
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done.
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

2. In love He condescended eternal now in time.
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die.
The law could never save us our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come.

Chorus

It is done, it is finished,
No more debt I owe.
Paid in full all sufficient,
Merit now my own.

3. I lay down my garments any empty boast.
Good works now all corrupted by the sinful host.
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus,
a crimson robe made white.
No more fear of judgment His righteousness is mine.
Chorus

4. All sufficient merit firm in life and death.
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.
When I stand accepted before the throne of God,
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross.
Chorus x2

Your merit now my own
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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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