

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

Hebrews 10:19-22a

Leader: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,

People: By the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

Leader: And since we have a great priest over the house of God,

People: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

In Tenderness

1. In tenderness He sought me
Weary and sick with sin,
And on His shoulders brought me
Back to His fold again,
While angels in His presence sang
Until the courts of heaven rang.

Chorus

O - o - oh the love that sought me
O - o - oh the blood that bought me
Oh the grace that brought me to the fold of God
Grace that brought me to the fold of God.

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2. He died for me while I was sinning
Needy and poor and blind.
He whispered to assure me
"I've found thee; thou art Mine."
I never heard a sweeter voice.
It made my aching heart rejoice.
Chorus

3. Upon His grace I'll daily ponder
And sing anew His praise
With all adoring wonder
His blessings I'll retrace.
It seems as if eternal days
Are far too short to sing His praise.
Chorus x2

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 7:22-28

²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. ²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1-2

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

1. Christ the true and better Adam,
Son of God, and Son of man;
Who, when tempted in the garden,
Never yielded, never sinned.
He who makes the many righteous,
Brings us back to life again.
Dying, He reversed the curse, then
Rising, crushed the serpent's head.

2. Christ the true and better Isaac,
Humble son of sacrifice;
Who would climb the fearful mountain,
There to offer up his life.
Laid with faith upon the altar,
Father's joy and only son;
There salvation was provided.
Oh what full and boundless love.

Chorus

Amen, amen
From beginning to end
Christ the story
His the glory
Alleluia, amen

Christ the True and Better

3. Christ the true and better Moses,
Called to lead a people home;
Standing bold to earthly powers,
God's great glory to be known.
With his arms stretched wide to heaven,
See the waters part in two;
See the veil is torn forever.
Cleansed with blood we pass now through.
Chorus

4. Christ the true and better David,
Lowly shepherd, mighty King;
He the champion in the battle,
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered,
Crown Him Lord of majesty;
His shall be the throne forever.
We shall e'er His people be.
Chorus (2x)

Christ the story, His the glory,
Alleluia, amen.

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CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lucy Evangeline Murch

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
from age to age. Amen, amen.

Children are welcome to remain in the service.

However, "Equip for Worship" is available for children in Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Parents, please escort your children to the classroom after the Gloria Patri.

⁶Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken into pieces by him. ⁷The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. ⁸ But with an overflowing flood he will make a complete end of the adversaries, and will pursue his enemies into darkness.

SERMON**“The Pleasure of God”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg****Zephaniah 3:9-20****Zephaniah 3:9-20**

⁹“For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the LORD and serve him with one accord. ¹⁰ From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, the daughter of my dispersed ones, shall bring my offering. ¹¹ “On that day you shall not be put to shame because of the deeds by which you have rebelled against me; for then I will remove from your midst your proudly exultant ones, and you shall no longer be haughty in my holy mountain. ¹² But I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD, ¹³ those who are left in Israel; they shall do no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.” ¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

SERMON NOTES

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight,
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

2. The king there in His beauty,
Without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey,
Though sev'n deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army,
Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

3. O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

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!

Jesus Paid it All

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 2X

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

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

The Sands of Time are Sinking

4. The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

5. O I am my Beloved's
And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit -
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

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