

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 150

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

People: **Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

People: **Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes.
Most holy, most glorious, the Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise!

2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light;
Not wanting or wasting, You rule us in might;
Your justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Your clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love.

Chorus

Most Holy, most glorious,
The Ancient of Days;
Almighty, victorious,
Your great name we praise!

Your Great Name We Praise

3. All life comes from You, Lord,
To both great and small;
In all life You live, Lord, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail;
We wither and perish but You never fail!
Chorus

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light;
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;
All praise we will render, oh Father of grace,
Till one day, in splendor, we see face to face!
Chorus 2X

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:1-8

¹ “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. ³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

⁵ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

⁷ “Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ⁸ but ‘As the Lord lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

SONG OF REQUEST

Lord I Need You

1. Lord I come, I confess;
Bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart;
You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,
Ev'ry hour I need You;
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh, God, how I need You.

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more,
Where grace is found is where You are;
Where You are, Lord, I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You;
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Ending Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You,
Ev'ry hour I need You;
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh, God, how I need You.
You're my one defense, my righteousness,
Oh, God how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh, God how I need You.

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CONFESSION OF SIN (abbreviated from Valley of Vision)

O God, may Thy Spirit speak in me that I may speak to thee. I have no merit, let the merit of Jesus stand for me. I am undeserving, but I look to Thy tender mercy. I am full of infirmities, wants, sin; Thou art full of grace. I confess my sin, my frequent sin, my willful sin; all my powers of body and soul are defiled: a fountain of pollution is deep within my nature. But Thou hast given me another master and lord, Thy Son, Jesus, and now my heart is turned towards holiness, my life speeds as an arrow from a bow towards complete obedience to Thee. Help me in all my doings to put down sin and to humble pride. Save me from the love of the world and the pride of life, from everything that is natural to fallen man, and let Christ's nature be seen in me day by day.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

1. I know that my Redeemer lives,
What hope this sweet assurance gives;
That He, who gave His life for me
Arose with healing in His wings.
He lives, the tomb is empty still,
Redemption's promise He fulfilled;
No condemnation now remains,
The stone of death is rolled away,

Chorus

My Redeemer lives,
My Redeemer lives,
On heaven's throne and in my very soul;
I know that my Redeemer lives.

2. I know that my Redeemer lives,
And all my life is bound to His;
In realms above, He intercedes
Our sinless Savior, Perfect Priest.
No fear can follow where He guides,
His constant presence is my light;
No power on earth or heav'n above
Can separate us from His love.

Chorus

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

3. I know that my Redeemer lives,
In life and death, I trust in Him;
My soul secure, my future safe
He'll not forsake me to the grave.
He lives and He will not delay,
My eyes will wake to brightest day;
And in my flesh I'll see Him stand
When Christ, in glory, comes again.
And every eye will see Him stand
When Christ, in glory, comes again.

Chorus 2x

On heaven's throne and in my very
soul,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

2 Timothy 1:1-2:7

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

¹⁵ You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, ¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me— ¹⁸ may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

SERMON NOTES

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give;
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior he will stay;
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run.
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
'Til suns shall rise and set no more.

2. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chain.
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Chorus

To our king be highest praise
Rising through eternal days!
Just and faithful He shall reign,
Jesus shall reign!

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!

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price- it has been paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave!
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing I am free!
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home;
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
All the glory evermore to him!
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet, not I, but through Christ in me."

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"Yet, not I, but through Christ in me,
Yet, not I, but through Christ in me."

Jesus Shall Reign

3. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song.
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.
Chorus

4. Let every creature rise and bring
Blessing and honor to our king.
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.
Chorus x2

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