

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

May 24th, 2020

“A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view.”

Augustus Toplady

“Honestly, I want to be like Christ. But honestly, I want to be like the Christ who turned the water into wine, not the Christ who thirsted on the cross. I want to be the clothed Christ, not the one whose garment was stripped and gambled away. I want to be the Christ who fed the five thousand, not the one who hungered for forty days in the wilderness. I want to be the free Christ, walking through the wheatfields with His disciples, not the imprisoned Christ who was deserted by them . . . This is the dark side of Christianity, the side we don't see when we sign up. That if we want to be like Christ, we have to embrace both sides of His life. What else could it mean when the Bible talks about the “fellowship of His sufferings?”

Ken Gire, *The Reflective Life*

“He who is forgiven little, loves little.”

Luke 7:47

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Come People Of The Risen King

Come people of the Risen King/ Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing/ To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth/ We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach/ To gather children in

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice

One heart one voice/ O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun/ And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won/ And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change/ And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days/ With the certain hope of peace

Come young and old from ev'ry land/ Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands/ Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing/ Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age/ Our God is all in all

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Call to Worship

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,
³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus

O the deep deep love of Jesus/ Vast unmeasured boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean/ In its fullness over me
Underneath me all around me/ Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward leading homeward/ To thy glorious rest above

O the deep, deep love of Jesus/ Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth/ Changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones/ Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth/ Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus/ Love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing/ 'Tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus/ 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory/ For it lifts me up to Thee!

by Samuel Trevor Francis

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song/ The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last/ Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here/ Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive/ And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart/ Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground/ And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own/ And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine/ Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine/ Hallelujah

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Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
We humbly confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant relationship with you and with one another.
We have worshipped other gods: money, power, control, and convenience.
We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving you and your people.
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and restore to us the fullness and intimacy,
the joy and peace of our covenant relationship with you and one another.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s treasured possession,
in order that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
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 . . .
All of this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.”

1 Peter 2: 9-10 and 2 Corinthians 5: 18

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted (Look To Jesus)

Come ye souls by sin afflicted/ Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted/ Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus look to Jesus look to Jesus/ Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it/ Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it/ While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory safe to glory safe to glory/ Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him/ Bless the ears that hear His voice
Blessed are the souls that trust Him/ And in Him alone rejoice
His commandments His commandments His commandments/ Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary/ Light to newly opened eyes

Like full springs in deserts dreary/ Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it all who taste it all who taste it/ Shall to rest immortal rise
Look to Jesus look to Jesus look to Jesus/ Mercy flows through Him alone

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Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Welcome and Prayers of the People

Davis Mooney

Offering and Doxology

God Our Father/ Jesus Loves Me

God our Father (God our Father)

Once again (once again)

Thank You for Your blessings (Thank You for Your blessings)

Amen (Amen)

Jesus loves me, this I know/ For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong/ They are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me/ Yes, Jesus loves me/ Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“Renew: Expressing Christ's Kingdom”

David Speakman

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you

pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 18:21-35

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

Jude Doxology

Now to Him who is able to keep you/ Who is able to keep you from stumbling
And to make you stand in the presence/ Of His glory, blameless, with great joy

To the only God our Savior/ Through Jesus Christ, our Lord
Be all glory, majesty, dominion, and power/ Before all time and now and forever

Amen and amen, amen and amen/ Amen and amen, amen and amen and amen.

Men: Verse 1, while women sing Amens

Women: Verse 2, while men sing Amens

All: Amens in unison

"Jude 24, 25," composer unknown

Benediction

"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.