



ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 27TH, 2023

Call to Worship: Psalm 62:1-5, 8

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
from the end of the earth we call to You,
when our heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,
for You have been our refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.

Let me dwell in Your tent forever!

Let me take refuge under the shelter of Your wings!

For You, O God, have heard our vows;

You have given me the heritage
of those who fear Your name.

So we will ever sing praises to Your name,
as we perform our vows day after day.

Invocation

Psalm 96: Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all you peoples, new be your song as new honors you pay;
sing of his majesty, bless him forever, show his salvation from day to day.

Tell of his wondrous works, tell of his glory, till through the nations his name is revered;
praise and exalt him, for he is almighty; God over all let the Lord be feared.

Vain are the heathen gods, idols and helpless; God made the heav'ns, and his glory they tell;
honor and majesty shine out before him, beauty and strength in his temple dwell.

Give unto God Most High glory and honor, come with your off'rings and humbly draw near;
in holy beauty now worship Jehovah, tremble before him with godly fear.

Make all the nations know God reigns forever; earth is established as he did decree;
righteous and just is the King of the nations, judging the people with equity.

Let heav'n and earth be glad; waves of the ocean, forest and field, exultation express;
for God is coming, the Judge of the nations, coming to judge in his righteousness.

Hymn 230: Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Confession of Sin Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In Your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News!
There is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit
of life in Christ Jesus
has set you free from the law of sin and death.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Know that in Jesus,
God embraces you, forgives you,
And strengthens you to live a renewed life.

Thanks be to God!

Song: His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

*Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
Chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
Chorus x 2

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Hymn 170: God, In the Gospel of His Son

God, in the gospel of his Son, makes his eternal counsels known;
where love in all its glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame may taste his grace and learn his name;
may read, in characters of blood, the wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

The pris'ner here may break his chains; the weary rest from all his pains;
the captive feel his bondage cease; the mourner find the way of peace.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes a brighter world beyond the skies;
here shines the light which guides our way from earth to realms of endless day.

O grant us grace, almighty Lord, to read and mark your holy Word;
its truths with meekness to receive, and by its holy precepts live.

Scripture Readings: Mark 3:1-21

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 167: Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet

Jesus, where'er your people meet, there they behold your mercy seat;
where'er they seek you, you are found, and ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

For you, within no walls confined, are dwelling in the humble mind;
such ever bring you where they come, and going, take you to their home.

Dear Shepherd of your chosen few, your former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim the sweetness of your saving name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of pray'r to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise, and bring all heav'n before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but you are near; nor short your arm, nor deaf your ear;
O rend the heav'ns, come quickly down, and make a thousand hearts your own.

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:1-6

Sermon: "Learning to Listen"

Lord's Supper

Song: Doxology

Benediction