

Welcome...

*...to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Worship consists of a dialogue between God and His people. God speaks and we respond by grace. The pastor and a ruling elder lead us. *Please stand, if able.*

Order of Morning Worship

November 8, 2020

Prelude

“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
Praise the Lord, 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 twice

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***Call to Worship**

Psalm 94:1-7, 16-23

***Song of Approach**

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone.

I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me, it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold.

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***Invocation and Profession of Faith**

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q 1 & 2)

***Hymn 98**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven–
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

***God Welcomes His People**

Revelation 1:4

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 6

Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, Who created us in Your own image:

You have made all the peoples of the earth for Your glory, to serve You in freedom and in peace; give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with Your gracious will;

Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression and that we may reverently use our freedom and preserve the rule of law; help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our country, our communities and among the nations, to the glory of Your holy Name;

Remember in mercy the suffering and persecuted believers around the world; relieve them in their distresses; strengthen them with eternal hope; and crown their labors with gospel fruit;

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*)

*Hymn 699

“Like A River Glorious”

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Refrain:

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there. *Refrain*

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

Refrain

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 7:8-12

Message

“WHEN YOUR WEEPING IS HEARD”

Prayer of Response

ALMIGHTY GOD,

Who has given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will.

Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought out of many tribes and tongues.

Endue with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law, we may show forth Your praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in You to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer)

***Hymn**

“By Faith”

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation’s grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus:

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus (repeat)

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***God Blesses His People**

2 Corinthians 13:14

***Hymn 734**

“Gloria Patri”

“WHEN YOUR WEeping IS HEARD”

Psalm Six

Psalm 6 is the first of the Penitential Psalms (32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143). Category dates back to at least the 6th century. Each was thought to answer one of the seven deadly sins. Pope Innocent III in the 13th century mandated that they be sung during Lent. But what does “penitential” really mean? At least two errors regarding the Penitential Psalms: 1) The Lenten Approach. 2) The Lenient Approach.

I. DAVID IS BEING CHASTISED IN HIS FEELINGS AND THROUGH HIS FOES

A. David is Chastised in His Feelings

*Where is the blessedness I knew
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and his word?*

*What peaceful hours I once enjoy’d!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void,
The world can never fill.*

*Return, O holy Dove, return!
Sweet messenger of rest:
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.*

Matt 27:26; Mark 14:34. Mark it well, believer – He bore it all for you.

B. David is Being Chastised Through His Foes

2 Sam 12:9-10

C. He Asks for and Receives Mercy

“Lord, correct me as my Father, but do not confront me as my Judge.” His weakness a reason why he needs mercy. How does he know the Lord has heard?. Ps 138:3; Ps 28:7. He triumphantly declares, v. 10. “..Rise, let us be going....” (Matt 26:45-46).

II. HOW TO LAMENT IN A TIME LIKE THIS WITH A PSALM LIKE THIS

A. Like David, Ask for Grace from the Lord

1 Pet 4:17; Matt 7:1-5; Prov 28:28; 1 John 1:7.

B. Like David, Ask for Mercy from the Lord

Conclusion
2 Chron 7:14