

Redeemer
Presbyterian
Church



Mercy Month
Oct 4, 2020



Welcome

Call to Worship

from Matthew 11:28-30

Leader Hear your Master reveal himself to you!
He says, “Come to me,
all you who are weary
and weighed down,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you
and learn from me.

All **For he is gentle
and lowly in heart,**

Leader And you will discover rest
for your souls.

All **For his yoke is easy
and his burden is light.”**

Opening Hymn

“Jesus I Come to Thee”

All

**Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of my sickness and into thy health,
Out of my want and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows and into thy balm,
Out of life’s storms and into thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
Ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee.
Jesus, I come to thee.**

words William T. Sleeper, 1887; music Nathan Partain, 2000

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

drawn from 1 Peter 1-2; Matthew 5:11-12; Mark 8:34-35

Leader Apart from you, Lord, our way of life seems full and right,
 but really, it's only empty, cut off from true light and life.

All **We're like sheep going astray,
 who don't even know that we don't know our own way.**

Leader Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him.

All **We want to follow you, Jesus, into glory,
 but we don't want to follow you to the cross.
We say yes to our wants and comforts
 and try to save our lives.**

Leader Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you,
 and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Jesus.
Rejoice and be glad,
 because great is your reward in heaven.

All **When people mistreat us,
 we fantasize about how we could get them back:
 the perfect put-down, the cold shoulder, the insult for insult.
We don't trust you, Lord, to judge justly,
 to really understand and put things right,
 so we look to defend ourselves.**

Leader Unless you call us, God, we remain in darkness.

All **Restore us to yourself, Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

drawn from 1 Peter 1-3

Leader

Jesus is special and dear to God.
The Father chose him before the creation of the world
to be the cornerstone of the new world.

All

**Christ was revealed when he suffered for us,
bearing our sins in his body on the cross, to bring us to God.**

Leader

Put to death in the body, he was made alive in the Spirit.

All

**He ascended into heaven where he reigns at his Father's right hand,
over every power, authority, ideology, structure, and sphere.**

Leader

You are special and dear to God.
God has chosen and redeemed you to make you his special possession
that you would trust him and follow in Jesus's steps.

All

**Let us walk, then, in both joy and hardship,
until Jesus is revealed in glory.**

Leader

Once you were not a people,

All

but now we are God's people!

Leader

Once you had not received mercy,

All

but now we have received mercy!

Song in the Gospel

“When I See the Blood”

All

Christ our Redeemer died on the cross,
Died for the sinner, paid all his due.
“Sprinkle your soul with the blood of the Lamb,
And I’ll pass over you.”

Chiefest of sinners, Jesus can save;
All he has promised, surely he’ll do.
“Wash in the fountain where sinners can bathe,
And I’ll pass over you.”

“When I see the blood of my Holy One,
My wrath shall be quenched, my judgments be through.
When I see the blood of my only Son,
Yes, I will pass over you.”

Judgment is coming, all will be there,
Each one receiving justly his due.
“Hide in the saving, sin-cleansing blood,
And I’ll pass over you.”

“When I see the blood of my Holy One,
My wrath shall be quenched, my judgments be through.
When I see the blood of my only Son,
Yes, I will pass over you.”

O great compassion! O boundless love!
Now crowned with power, Jesus is true;
Find peace and shelter under his blood,
And I’ll pass over you.

“When I see the blood of my Holy One,
My wrath shall be quenched, my judgments be through.
When I see the blood of my only Son,
Yes, I will pass over you.”

“When I see the blood of my only Son,
Yes, I will pass over you.”

words John G. Foote, Elisha A. Hoffman, 19th cent.; music Nathan Partain, 2004

Song in the Gospel

"It Is Well"

All
**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
 When sorrows like sea billows roll;
 Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
 "It is well, it is well with my soul."**

Men It is well, with my soul;
 Women It is well, with my soul;
 All **It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control:
 That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
 And has shed his own blood for my soul.**

Men It is well, with my soul;
 Women It is well, with my soul;
 All **It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! -
 My sin, not in part, but the whole,
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Men It is well, with my soul;
 Women It is well, with my soul;
 All **It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;
 "Even so," it is well with my soul.**

Men It is well, with my soul;
 Women It is well, with my soul;
 All **It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Men It is well, with my soul;
 Women It is well, with my soul;
 All **It is well, it is well with my soul.**

words Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; music Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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Introduction to the Word

Charles Anderson

Scripture

1 Peter 2:13-25

Reader

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

¹⁸ Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have turned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*Reader
People*

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Anderson
Seeing Suffering As

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Community Group Questions

1) What are two things you've done today that upon reflection you see that part of your motivation was for those things to help you craft the identity you want to have? What do those things say about who you want to be? In what ways do you find the quest for identity energizing? In what ways is it demoralizing or burdensome?

2) What is said about Jesus in 1 Peter 2:4-10? What is said about believers? What connections can you draw between those two lists? What does that tell us about how we are to understand our identity?

3) According to 1 Peter 2:4-10, our connection to other believers is integral to our identity: we are being built together into a spiritual house. In this season of distancing and disconnection, what are two concrete things you can do as a community group to live out this identity of being connected to each other because you're connected to Jesus?

Children's questions:

Think of a favorite piece of clothing that you wear that says something about who you are. It could be a favorite shirt, or a cap with the logo of a favorite sports team, or a piece of jewelry that someone gave you. What does that piece of clothing say about you? How do you feel when you wear it? How do you think others perceive it?

Who we are—our identity—is complex. We usually base our identity off of what we do and how others see us. God says our identity is actually based on how he sees Jesus. Read 1 Peter 2:4 and 2:6. What does God think of Jesus? Now read 1 Peter 2:5. What does God think, therefore, of us? How can you believe that's really who you are?

Life as Worship

Mercy Month

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Valediction

from Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Leader Sinners, saved by Jesus,
what is your only comfort in life or in death?

All **That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Leader He has fully paid for all your sins
with his precious blood,
and has set you free
from all the power of the devil.

All **He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together
for my salvation.**

Leader By his Holy Spirit he also assures you of eternal life,

All **And makes me whole-heartedly
willing and ready
from now on to live for him**

Departing Hymn

“Take my Life and Let it Be”

All

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.**

words Frances R. Havergal, 1874; music Henri A. Cesar Malan, 1827

Song of Celebration

"If the Lord Wills"

All

How many times have we boasted of tomorrow,
Only to find our dreams dashed and turned to sorrow?
How many times have we made the finest of plans
Only to see them flee and blow away like sand?

Can we stop and remember, raise our hands and surrender?
If the Lord wills, we will live and love and die
If the Lord wills, we will see the reason why.
And until that day, let us trust and pray
And ever say: "If the Lord wills."

When will we ever learn the illusion of control,
Finally realize these schemes cannot console?
When will we believe the future now he owns,
That he will lead us on and carry the unknowns?

Can we stop and remember, raise our hands and surrender?
If the Lord wills, we will live and love and die
If the Lord wills, we will see the reason why.
And until that day, let us trust and pray
And ever say...

If the Lord wills, we will live and love and die
If the Lord wills, we will see the reason why.
And until that day, let us trust and pray
And ever say: "If the Lord wills."

Though this life is but a vapor, we will trust in you.

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\$ 1,579,846.46

Jan-Sept budget:

\$ 1,692,225.75

2020 budget:

\$ 2,256,301

Congregational Giving

Sept 27th	\$	31,074.13
Sept Total	\$	144,352.97
Sept Budget	\$	188,025.08