

Redeemer
Presbyterian
Church

Mercy Month
Oct 25, 2020



Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 42:1-5

Leader As the deer cries at the dry river beds,
so I groan for you, O God.

All **I thirst for God, the living God.
When can I be in his presence again?
No matter sunshine or darkness, weeping is what keeps me alive,
all the while my enemies taunt me, saying,
“Where is this God of yours?”**

Leader As I pour out my soul to you,
I remember how it used to be:

All **I walked among the crowds of worshipers,
leading a great procession to the house of God,
singing for joy and giving thanks
amid the sound of a great celebration!**

Leader Why am I discouraged?
Why is my heart so sad?

All **I will put my hope in God!
I will praise him again—
my Savior and my God!**

Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

All

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of God’s unchanging love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.**

**O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see thy lovely face;
Clothed then in my blood washed linen,
How I’ll sing thy sovereign grace!**

words Robert Robinson, 1758; music “Nettleton” from John Wyeth, 1813

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Drawn from 1 Peter 1-2; 3:8; Matthew 19:4-6

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 The way of Jesus is to be like-minded, sympathetic, loving one another,
 with a tender heart and a humble mind.

All **Our way approaches relationships to get what we want,
 rather than to give what the other needs.
Our listening does not pursue understanding;
 instead we try to control others
 as we manipulate or strong-arm to serve ourselves.**

Leader At the beginning, the Creator made us male and female;
 it is he who joins together husband and wife, making them one flesh.

All **We distrust your wisdom as the creator of marriage,
 so we look to design it according to our wisdom.
We don't put our hope in you to watch over us,
 so we give way to fear and seek our own way.**

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' 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

“There is a Fountain”

All

**There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel’s veins,
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains;
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains,
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see, that fountain in his day,
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away;
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away,
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood, shall never lose its pow’r,
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved to sin no more;
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more,
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved to sin no more.**

**When this poor lisping, stamm’ring tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I’ll sing thy pow’r to save;
I’ll sing thy pow’r to save, I’ll sing thy pow’r to save,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I’ll sing thy pow’r to save.**

**I’ll sing thy pow’r to save,
I’ll sing thy pow’r to save,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I’ll sing thy pow’r to save.**

words William Cowper, 1771; music Lowell Mason, 1830; Public Domain

Song in the Gospel

“Be Still My Soul”

All

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Music: Finlandia, Jean Sibelius, 1899

Prayer of Dependence

Offering of Gifts and Service

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Introduction to the Word

Charles Anderson

Scripture

1 Peter 3:1-7

Reader

¹ Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, ² when they see your reverent and pure conduct. ³ Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— ⁴ but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. ⁵ For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

⁷ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

*Reader
People*

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

Sermon

Charles Anderson

Marriage for Dear Exiles

Song of Response

“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

Community Life

Mercy Month
[redeemindy.org/mercymonth]

Men's Chili Cookoff Event
[redeemindy.org/events]

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

Closing Hymn

“Abide in Me”

All

**Abide in me, O Lord, and I in thee,
From this good hour, O leave me nevermore;
Then shall the discord cease, the wound be healed,
The lifelong bleeding of the soul be o’er.
Abide in me, o’ershadow by thy love
Each half-formed purpose and dark thought of sin;
Quench, ere it rise, each selfish, low desire,
And keep my soul, as thine, calm and divine.**

**We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through his Son.
We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.**

**As some rare perfume in a vase of clay,
Pervades it with a fragrance not its own,
So, when thou dwellest in a mortal soul,
All heav’n’s own sweetness seems around it thrown.
Abide in me; there have been moments blest
When I have heard thy voice and felt thy pow’r;
Then evil lost its grasp, and passion, hushed,
Owned the divine enchantment of the hour.**

**We raise our voices to the Father. He hears our prayers through his Son.
We are enabled by his Spirit. Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come.**

**These were but seasons beautiful and rare;
Abide in me, and they shall ever be;
Fulfill at once thy precept and my prayer:
Come and abide in me and I in thee.**

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words Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1855; chorus and music Nathan Partain, 2002

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year to date giving

\$ 1,694,703.69

2020 budget:

\$ 2,256,301



Jan-Oct budget:

\$ 1,880,250.83

Congregational Giving

Oct 18th	\$	30,821.83
Oct Total	\$	106,554.07
Oct Budget	\$	188,025.08