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— PRESBYTERIAN —

THE LORD'S DAY – OCTOBER 15, 2023

“Thy Mercy, My God”

*by Isaac Watts, John Stocker,  
and Sandra McCracken*

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've 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.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 97

**Leader:** *The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!*

**People:** Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

**Leader:** *The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.*

**People:** Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.



**Leader:** *For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.*

**All:** Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

# “Ancient of Days”

*by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,  
Michael Farren and Jesse Reeves*

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains  
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him

All of time in His hands

For His throne it shall remain and ever stand

All the power, all the glory

I will trust in His name

For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure, and He knows my name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him

All of time in His hands

For His throne it shall remain and ever stand

All the power, all the glory

I will trust in His name

For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Savior King  
Then my joy complete, standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
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# “Whate’er My God Ordains is Right”

*by Catherine Winkworth, Mark Altrogge,  
and Samuel Rodigast*

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
In His Love I'm abiding  
I will be still in all He does  
And follow where He's guiding

He is my God though dark my road  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all  
And so to Him I leave it all

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
He never will deceive me  
He leads me by the proper path  
I know He will not leave me

I take content what He has sent  
His Hand can turn my griefs away  
And patiently I wait His day  
And patiently I wait His day

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
Here shall my stand be taken  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine  
Yet I am not forsaken

My Father's care circles me there  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all  
And so to Him I leave it all

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
Though now this cup in drinking  
Bitter it seems to my faint heart  
I take it all unshrinking



My God is true each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart  
And pain and sorrow shall depart  
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# PRAYER OF ADORATION

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-7

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**People:** Thanks be to God!

# CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone.

As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Minister:** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**People:** The maker of heaven and earth!

**Minister:** *O Lord, open our lips,*

**People:** And our mouths will declare Your  
praise!

# “Living Waters”

*by Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash*



Are you thirsty

Are you empty

Come and drink these living waters

Tired and broken

Peace unspoken

Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling  
Find refreshing  
At the cross of living waters  
Lay your life down  
All the old gone  
Rise up in these living waters

There's a river that flows  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of living waters

Spirit moving  
Mercy washing  
Healing in these living waters  
Lead your children  
To the shoreline  
Life is in these living waters

There's a river that flows  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of living waters

Are you thirsty  
Are you empty  
Come and drink these living waters  
Love forgiveness  
Vast and boundless  
Christ He is our living waters

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With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of living waters

# MEMBERSHIP VOWS



## GREETING

**Leader:** *May the peace of Christ be with you!*

**People:** And also with you!

**Leader:** *Let us share His peace with one another.*

*Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).*

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.*

*Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.*

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

## Psalm 121

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**People:** Thanks be to God!



“I Lift My Eyes Up”

*by Brian Doerksen*

I lift my eyes up to the mountains  
Where does my help come from  
My help comes from You maker of heaven  
Creator of the earth



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My help comes from You maker of heaven  
Creator of the earth

Oh how I need You Lord  
You are my only hope  
You're my only prayer  
So I will wait for You  
To come and rescue me  
Come and give me life

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# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

# CONFESSION OF FAITH - “The Apostles’ Creed”

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;



the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge  
the living and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Minister:** *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People:** And also with you!

**Minister:** *Lift up your hearts!*

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord!

*Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.*

*As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.*

*Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.*

# “The Lord Will Provide”

*Words and Music: Matthew S. Smith*  
*Based on a hymn by John Newton*

Though troubles assail and dangers affright,  
Though friends should all fail and foes all unite;  
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,  
The scripture assures us, the Lord will provide.

The birds without barn or storehouse are fed,  
From them let us learn to trust for our bread:  
His saints, what is fitting, shall ne'er be denied,  
So long as it's written, the Lord will provide.

We may, like the ships, by tempest be tossed  
On perilous deeps, but cannot be lost.  
Though Satan enrages the wind and the tide,  
The promise engages, the Lord will provide.



His call we obey, like Abram of old,  
Not knowing our way, but faith makes us bold;  
For though we are strangers,  
we have a good Guide,  
And trust in all dangers, the Lord will provide.

No strength of our own, or goodness we claim,  
Yet since we have known  
the Savior's great name;  
In this our strong tower for safety we hide,  
The Lord is our power, the Lord will provide.

When life sinks apace and death is in view,  
This word of his grace shall comfort us through:  
No fearing or doubting with Christ on our side,  
We hope to die shouting, “The Lord will provide.”

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## THE SENDING - From Psalm 134:3

*May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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