



MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

MARCH 13, 2022

## ***Welcome to Mercy Presbyterian Church***

Thank you for joining us in worship today. If you are visiting with us, we are delighted that you have chosen to be with us and our desire is to be a blessing to you. Our prayer is that God will transform our lives and enable us to live for His glory and the good of the world. We would love to get to know you better and answer any questions you may have. Please share your information with us by emailing us at [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com).

## ***Our Worship***

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, called liturgy. The order of our worship reflects the work of the gospel in our hearts. In worship, we come together to tell the story of the gospel by the structure of our worship, the content of our worship, and the way that we worship.

## ***Parents of Young Children***

We believe the church is for all people, young and old, and want Mercy to be a church where children are seen, heard, and loved. We invite you to involve your children in our service, help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say and sing parts of our worship service every week in order to help our young children to participate. Children's bulletins with coloring activities are available by the door to the sanctuary. Nursery is also available for babies and toddlers.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day | March 13, 2022

### REFLECTION

*"We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive." - C. S. Lewis*

**INVOCATION** | *We pray for God's presence, power and blessing in worship*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

**The voice of your watchmen - they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion.**

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

**The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Words by Saint Francis Assisi | German Tune | Public Domain*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening find a voice,  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All ye men of tender heart  
Forgiving others take your part  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**DOXOLOGY** | *(Glory Words) We praise the Triune God*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** | *We acknowledge our sin and ask for God's grace*

**O Lord our Savior, help us. We are slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; we are in the foothills when we should be on the heights; we are pained by our graceless heart, our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race, our sullied conscience, our wasted hours, our unspent opportunities. We are blind while the light shines around us: take the scales from our eyes, grind to dust our hearts of unbelief. Make it our highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but dung. We believe, help our unbelief. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE** | *God forgives our sin and gives us grace*

*Romans 6:22-23*

*But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**HYMN OF GRACE** | *We celebrate God's gift of grace*

***Holy Holy Holy***

*Words by Reginald Heber | Music by John Dykes | Public Domain*

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 ever more shall 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 power, 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!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH** | *We confess what we believe*

*The Heidelberg Catechism / Q18 & 19*

Then who is this mediator— true God and at the same time a true and righteous human?

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.**

How do you come to know this?

**The holy gospel tells me. God began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise; later God proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs and prophets and foreshadowed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; and finally God fulfilled it through his own beloved Son.**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER** | *We lift up our requests to God*

**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.**

## HYMN OF PREPARATION | *We prepare our hearts to hear God's Word*

### *This is My Father's World*

*\*Hymn of the Month | Teaching our children great hymns of our faith*

*Words by Maltbie Davenport Babcock | Music by Franklin Lawrence Sheppard | Public Domain*

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings, The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget,  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heav'n be one.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSAL | *Children 4 years old through 2nd grade*

### SCRIPTURE READING | *Romans 8:12-17*

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**1. The New Confidence of the Adopted**

**2. The New Walk of the Adopted**

**3. The New Future of the Adopted**



## OFFERTORY

### CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | *The family meal of Christians*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, making us in your image. We praise you for your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who by His death on the cross and rising to new life offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for His people. Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

## PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine, and pray that we who receive them, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, according to our Savior's word, may share in victory and eternal life.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Hallelujah! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Hallelujah!**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

*The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who have believed the good news, have repented of their sins, and are baptized members in good standing in the Lord's Church. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the Church.*

*Please consider offering your tithes as a physical act of worship by placing your offering in the tithe box located at the entrance to the chapel on your way back to your seat after communion.*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Awakening**

*Lord Jesus, I have heard from the Bible for years, and have been in church for years, but very little of this seems real to me. Please show me the reality of what you are saying. Unnerve me with the badness of the bad news. Enthrall me with the goodness of the good news. Make what is familiar seem new. Amen.*

### **Prayer of Belief**

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Covenant Children**

*Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Those Struggling Against Sin**

*Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.*

***We Will Feast in the House of Zion***

*Words and Music by Sandra McCracken & Joshua Moore | Drink Your Tea Music ©2015*

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire,  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood.  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn,  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning O how long?  
O God of Jacob be my strength.

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave,  
Bind us together bring shalom.

We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more.

**GLORIA PATRI** | *(Glory to the Father) We praise the Triune God*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**BENEDICTION** | *God sends us out into the world with His blessing*

*Romans 8:38-39*

*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**DISMISSAL** | *God sends us out into the world*

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What does it mean to live “according to the flesh?” What is the outcome of living according to the flesh?
2. How can you recognize the sons of God?
3. What does it look like for you to be led by the Spirit?
4. How are you an heir of God and fellow heir with Christ? What difference does that make in your life?
5. In what way is suffering a necessary prerequisite to glorification?

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, March 13**

Immediately following service  
Congregational Meeting | Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, March 15**

No Men's Bible Study this week

### **Wednesday, March 9**

7pm  
Women's Evening Study | Nelson Residence

### **Sunday, March 20**

9am  
Youth Group | Room 118 | Room 135  
Elementary Sunday School | Room 200

### **Tuesday, March 22**

6:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Thursday, March 24**

12pm  
Men's Lunch | Hopdoddy's McKinney Ave

### **Sunday, March 27**

Youth Volunteer Sunday

### **Tuesday, March 29**

6:30am  
Men's Bible Study | Cindi's Deli

### **Wednesday, March 30**

7-9pm  
Women's Ice Cream Social | Nelson Residence

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Congregational Meeting***

Following today's worship service, there will be a congregational meeting to elect Mr. Tim Swindell to the office of ruling elder.

### ***Palm Sunday***

The children of Mercy will be participating in our Palm Sunday service by leading the congregation in singing *All Glory Laud and Honor*. Please take some time to practice the song with your children prior in the coming weeks. A link to the song can be found in the weekly email.

### ***Infants and Children***

A mother's room is available for feeding and calming infants; it is located in the office space just outside the left exit door in the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for infants (Nursery Room) and toddlers (Room 135).

Children's Church (4 years-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) meets weekly during the sermon in Room 200.

Elementary Sunday School (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) meets on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 9-10am. They will not meet on Easter Sunday (April 17).

Contact Emily Freeman at [emily@mercydallas.com](mailto:emily@mercydallas.com) for more information.

### ***Youth Group***

**3/20, 4/3, 5/1, 5/22**

Youth Group will not meet on Easter Sunday (April 17).

Youth Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9am. 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> in Room 118 and 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> in Room 135. Each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, youth have the opportunity to serve as part of the Set Up or Welcome Team. For more information, contact Josh and Hannah Patch at [youth@mercydallas.com](mailto:youth@mercydallas.com).

### ***Women's Ministry***

Save the date for our next social on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at the Nelson's home. Please RSVP with the link in the weekly email by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. For questions about the women's ministry contact Joanna Dawson ([women@mercydallas.com](mailto:women@mercydallas.com)).

### ***Men's Ministry***

The Men's Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 6:30-7:30am at Cindi's Deli (11111 N US 75-Central Expy. 75243). They will not meet on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The next men's lunch is Thursday, 3/24 from 12-1pm at Hopdoddy's on McKinney Ave. Contact [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com) for further information.

### ***Community Groups***

Community Groups are a vital part of Mercy's ministry and worship. If you are interested in joining a community group, please contact Jessica Nokes ([jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com)) for further information.

### ***Serve at Mercy***

Sunday morning volunteers are critical to the work and worship of Mercy. Contact Jessica at [jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com) for more information or to sign up.

### ***Interested In Joining Mercy?***

If you are interested in joining Mercy Presbyterian, please contact Jessica Nokes at [jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com) for information on next steps.

CONNECTING

Pastor Search Team

If you have any questions about the ongoing pastor search, or are interested in contacting the Pastor Search Team, please email [pastorsearch@mercydallas.com](mailto:pastorsearch@mercydallas.com).

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Weekly Update

Our weekly email newsletter is the primary way we communicate announcements, information about church life, and details about upcoming events. Email [church@mercydallas.com](mailto:church@mercydallas.com) if you would like to receive weekly emails.

Prayer Requests

If you have a private matter that the session could be praying for, please email their private email at [session@mercydallas.com](mailto:session@mercydallas.com). They would love the opportunity to lift your needs before the Lord.

Giving

If you would like to give to the work and worship of Mercy Presbyterian Church, you can do so in three ways:

- Place checks or cash in the offering box located by the door as you exit the sanctuary on Sundays.
- Give online at [www.mercydallas.givingfire.com](http://www.mercydallas.givingfire.com).
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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