



MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

AUGUST 21, 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.

## ***Overview of I Corinthians***

Do you ever feel like there are so many diverging opinions in the church that it seems impossible to enjoy real unity? Sometimes people suggest this is a new problem - that pluralistic cultures rubbing against one another with different values are a product of postmodernity. That is not the case.

Corinth was a bustling city in 50 AD, about the time that Paul came as an apostle of Jesus Christ. It was a relatively new city - exploding with growth due to trade and cultural capital. One commentator likens Corinth to San Francisco during the gold rush. The city was composed of people from all over the Mediterranean world, which meant that the church was composed of people with very different views and opinions.

The church in Corinth became confused about how to handle a number of difficult cultural issues, and they ran into trouble when they allowed cultural values to shape their practice of Christianity. The church in Corinth wrote to Paul asking for clarity, and 1 Corinthians is Paul's response to their questions and struggles.

In his response, Paul returns again and again to the centrality of the cross, which is a demonstration of God's wisdom. "Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God." (3:18-19a). Paul calls the Corinthians, and therefore Mercy, to return to the cross in order to understand true wisdom. Together, we will pursue becoming fools in relation to the wisdom of this world so that we might know God's wisdom.



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
The Lord's Day | August 21, 2022

**REFLECTION**

*"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead."*

- Tim Keller

*"Why would the apostles lie? Liars always lie for selfish reasons. If they lied, what was their motive, what did they get out of it? What they got out of it was misunderstanding, rejection, persecution, torture, and martyrdom. Hardly a list of perks!"*

- Peter Kreeft

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

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

*Psalm 86:8-13*

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

**Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

## **HYMN OF ADORATION** | *We sing praises to God*

### ***Come Christians Join to Sing***

*Words by Christian Bateman | Traditional Spanish Folk Melody | Public Domain*

Come, Christians, join to sing alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

## **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*

**Lord, I have betrayed you by following my own way. I have denied you by fearing to follow yours. And I have mocked you by not taking your death seriously. Lord, I am lost. Let your forgiveness find me. Hold me in your strong arms and give me your new life. Live in me and with me day by day, that together we may make a world that is new.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*Proverbs 28:13*

*Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.*

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

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

*Words by Charles Wesley | Music by Greg Thompson | Greg Thompson Music ©2000*

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;  
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
All my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ art all I want,  
More than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind  
Just and Holy is Thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness  
False and full of sin I am,  
Thou full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art;  
Freely let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart,  
Rise to all eternity.

## MERCY MOMENT

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

*The Heidelberg Catechism | Q49*

How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

**First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

### 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*

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Words by William Williams | Music by Jeremy Casella | 2037 Music ©2002*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SCRIPTURE READING | *1 Corinthians 15:12-34***

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will

also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all. <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? <sup>30</sup>Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Ryan Tompkins | *Christ Resurrected*

**SERMON NOTES**



## INTERLUDE

### 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 sanctuary.*

### **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.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** | *We celebrate the family meal of Christians*

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

*Words by Bernard of Clairvaux | Music by Brian T. Murphy | Red Mountain Music ©2003*

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts  
Thou fount of life, thou light of men,  
From fullest bliss that earth imparts  
We turn unfilled to thee again,  
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged has ever stood,  
Thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee, thou art good,  
To them that find thee, all in all,  
To them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;  
We drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
Glad that thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest that our faith can hold thee fast,  
Blest that our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

**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. Amen.

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

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**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. Many theologians in the academy, during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, decided that they did not believe in the supernatural and therefore could not believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Consider 1 Corinthians 15:19. What does Paul mean?
2. What is the relationship between Adam and Christ?
3. What must happen before the end (verses 24-25)? How do you participate in this process?
4. Consider verses 31-34. What is the relationship between faith in the resurrection and our ethics? How does the resurrection shape your behavior?
5. What is your takeaway from this passage?

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, August 21**

6-8pm

Youth Group | Dawson's Home

### **Sunday, August 28**

*Youth Volunteer Sunday*

### **Tuesday, September 13**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, September 14**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

### **Sunday, September 18**

Fall Kickoff | Temple Shalom

### **Tuesday, September 20**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, September 21**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

### **Sunday, September 25**

*Youth Volunteer Sunday*

11:45am-1pm

Intro to Mercy | Temple Shalom

### **Tuesday, September 27**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, September 28**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

### **Sunday, October 2**

11:45am-1pm

Intro to Mercy | Temple Shalom

### **Tuesday, October 4**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, October 5**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

### **Sunday, October 9**

11:45am-1pm

Intro to Mercy | Temple Shalom

### **Tuesday, October 11**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, October 12**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

### **Sunday, October 16**

11:45am-1pm

Intro to Mercy | Temple Shalom

### **Tuesday, October 18**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, October 19**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

### **Tuesday, October 25**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, October 26**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

### **Sunday, October 30**

*Youth Volunteer Sunday*

### **Tuesday, November 1**

9:30 - 11am

Women's Bible Study | Dawson's Home

### **Wednesday, November 2**

7 - 8:30pm

Women's Bible Study | Nelson's Home

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Weekly Updates***

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

### ***Save the Date for Fall Kickoff!***

Mercy's Fall Kickoff will be at the Temple on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Join us for games, food, fun and fellowship! Send Jessica an email ([jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com)) if you're interested in helping out.

### ***Intro to Mercy***

We are excited to resume our Intro to Mercy classes this fall in a four-week class format (9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16). We'll meet Sundays after church in September and October in the conference room at Temple Shalom. We will provide lunch and childcare. Come hear about Mercy's vision, mission, core values, theology, and how to get involved. Contact Jessica for more information or sign up via the link in the weekly email.

### ***Crates for Ukraine***

MTW missionaries Doug and Masha Shepherd have reached out to our Presbytery with a specific way we can help them minister in the midst of the war in Ukraine. They have sent us lists of supplies that we can pack and take to their team in Krakow, Poland, who will then distribute the aid to those most in need in Ukraine. To get involved or for more information, contact Elizabeth Cunningham ([cunningham.maryelizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:cunningham.maryelizabeth@gmail.com)).

### ***Youth Group***

The last summer youth meeting is this Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Dawson's home from 6-8pm. Please RSVP to [youth@mercydallas.com](mailto:youth@mercydallas.com). The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month (August 28<sup>th</sup>), youth have the opportunity to serve as part of the Set Up or Welcome Team. For more information about the youth ministry and schedule, contact Josh and Hannah Patch at [youth@mercydallas.com](mailto:youth@mercydallas.com).

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

Please join the women of Mercy for a seven-week Bible Study this fall. We will study Nancy Guthrie's book: *The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis*. Join us either Tuesday mornings (childcare available) or Wednesday evenings. You can find more info on the registration page, linked in the weekly email. We will start September 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> and end November 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to studying God's word with the women in our church family!

### ***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.

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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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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