



# MERCY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MERCY TO US | MERCY THROUGH US

**JULY 30, 2023**

## ***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. A Mother's Room is available during the service if you need a space to feed or calm a little one. The office to the north of the sanctuary is a private space set with comfortable chairs and a changing station.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day Worship | July 30, 2023

### WELCOME

**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 103:1-2, 20-22*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,**

Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!

**Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!**

Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

***10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)***

*Words and Music by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman | Shout! Publishing ©2011*

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

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Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
I'll worship Your holy name  
I'll worship Your holy name

**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*

*from The Book of Common Worship*

**Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Words by Robert Robinson | American Folk Tune | Public Domain*

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 redeeming 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,  
Bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, 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.

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

*Belgic Confession, Article 23: The Justification of Sinners*

We believe that our salvation consists in the remission of our sins for Jesus Christ's sake, and that therein our righteousness before God is implied: as David and Paul teach us, declaring this to be the happiness of man, that God imputes righteousness to him without works. And the same apostle saith, that we are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption which is in Jesus Christ.

And therefore we always hold fast this foundation, ascribing all the glory to God, humbling ourselves before him, and acknowledging ourselves to be such as we really are, without presuming to trust in any thing in ourselves, or in any merit of ours, relying and resting upon the obedience of Christ crucified alone, which becomes ours, when we believe in him. This is sufficient to cover our iniquities, and to give us confidence in approaching to God; freeing the conscience of fear, terror and dread.

**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.**

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

*Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, & Michael Farren | CityAlight Music ©2018*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne



To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **CHILDREN DISMISSED TO PARENTS**

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** | Rev. Doug Tharp | *Kingdom Feast*

**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.*

*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.

*O Love Incomprehensible*

*Words by Anne Steele, Augustus Montague Toplady | Music by Kevin Twit | Kevin Twit Music ©2001*

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

What pain what soul-oppressing pain  
The Great Redeemer bore  
While bloody sweat like drops of rain  
Distilled from every pore!

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

Arraigned at Pilate's shameful bar,  
Unparalleled disgrace!  
See spotless innocence appear  
In guilt's detested place.

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

The spotless Savior lived for me,  
And died upon the mount  
The obedience of His life and death,  
Is placed to my account!

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

Tis finished! Now aloud He cries,  
No more the Law requires  
And now, amazing sacrifice,  
The Lord of Life expires!

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

On Thee alone my hope relies,  
Beneath Thy cross I fall  
My Lord, my Life, my Sacrifice,  
My Savior and my All!

O Love incomprehensible  
That made Thee bleed for me  
The Judge of all has suffered death  
To set His prisoner free.

**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 15:5-6*

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**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!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Mercy Midweek***

The final Mercy Midweek Dinner of the summer is next Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. Registration links are in the weekly email or contact Jessica ([jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com)) for more information. Childcare will be available with advance registration.

### ***Children's Ministry***

This summer we will have both planned and organic opportunities for families to gather. If you'd like to be included on the Mercy Mom's GroupMe to discuss summer adventuring around town, talk to Emily ([emily@mercydallas.com](mailto:emily@mercydallas.com)).

### ***Youth Ministry***

Youth Group will not meet regularly this summer, but save the date for our first meeting of the 2023-2024 school year, Sunday, August 13!

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

Start gathering your books for a book swap on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Walter's Home (3312 Hanover St.), hosted by the Buerger's Community Group from 2-4pm.

### ***Mercy Financial Update***

For questions about giving, expenses or Mercy's budget, you can reach out to Bryan Hatfield ([bryan@mercydallas.com](mailto:bryan@mercydallas.com)).

<b>2022/2023 Budget</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>
July 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 Expenses	\$528,935
July 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 Giving	\$504,438
<i>Variance</i>	<i>(\$24,497)</i>

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, August 13**

Youth Kickoff | TBD

### **Saturday, August 19**

2 - 4pm

Women's Book Swap | The Walter's Home

### **Sunday, August 27**

12:30 - 2:30pm

Fall Kickoff | Mimosa Park

## CONNECTING

### **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 at [jessica@mercydallas.com](mailto:jessica@mercydallas.com).

### **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.churchcenter.com/giving/to/general](http://www.mercydallas.churchcenter.com/giving/to/general)
- Mail a check to Mercy Presbyterian, P.O. Box 670035, Dallas, TX 75230

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