



Christ Presbyterian Church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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REFLECTION

It seems to me that Christ is speaking to you, and one of the things He is calling you to is a surrender to His will. I think that is hard to do, especially when His will seems to have had so many rough things in it for you. The last six months . . . was kind of a death for you, and I suspect many things turned out in ways that were deeply disappointing to you.

God's appointments sometimes are our disappointments, and when that happens it is hard to trust in God. The feeling we have is: "Well, what is He going to do next to rob me of my hopes and values?" But I think that getting to know God does not come out of skill in being able to evaluate my experiences. Instead, it must come from my understanding God Himself as He is revealed as a Father of all love in the self-giving of His Son. I want to ask you to focus your faith on that love for you.

Jack Miller

We know and rely on the love that God has for us.

Saint John

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP – PSALM 5

Minister: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; early in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

ALL: You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence I will bow down toward you.

Minister: Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.

ALL: Shelter them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

PRAYER OF ADORATION (CONCLUDED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER)

ALL: 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 and ever. Amen.

PSALM 94 (O MOST HIGH)

It is good to praise You Lord,
And make music to Your name, O Most High. *(Repeat)*

To proclaim Your love in the morning,
And Your faithfulness at night. *(Repeat)*

Chorus:

Oh, I sing for joy

At the sound of Your name,

And the works of Your hands.

Oh, You make me glad;

And, for all of my life, let my song to You rise

Oh, Most High.

It is good to praise You Lord,
Oh, Most High

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ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

Chorus:
Come and behold Him:
The One and the Only;
Cry out sing holy,
Forever a Holy God;
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God. *(Chorus)*

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God!
Only our Holy God! *(Chorus)*

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SCRIPTURE READING – ISAIAH 6:1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; I am a sinful man and I live amidst a sinful people."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Most holy and merciful God, we call out to you in the midst of our distress.

ALL: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. In our pride, we have rebelled against your loving commands and obeyed only when it is comfortable for us.

Minister: Forgive us for turning from you, and for putting our hope in vain idols.

ALL: Lord Jesus, thank you that you came to rescue and redeem us instead of leaving us to drown in our sin and helplessness. By your Spirit, enable us to obey you completely, remembering that salvation belongs to the Lord. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT – COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

Minister: God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

ALL: This is the good news: Jesus has taken my sins and given me His righteousness!

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness

New every morn

Our sins they are many

His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us?
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *(Chorus)*

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THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far,
Than tongue or pen can ever tell,
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child, He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Refrain:

*Oh love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure,
The saints' and angels' song.*

When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love, so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Tho' stretched from sky to sky. *(Refrain)*

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SHEPHERDING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING – JUDE 1:20-21

²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

SERMON – OBJECTS OF THE FATHER’S DELIGHT, PART 1

ONE THING REMAINS (YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS)

Chorus:

Your love never fails;

It never gives up;

Never runs out on me.

Your love never fails;

It never gives up;

Never runs out on me.

Your love...

Higher than the mountains that I face;

Stronger than the power of the grave;

Constant in the trial and the change;

One thing remains.

One thing remains. *(Chorus)*

On, and on, and on, and on it goes;

It overwhelms and satisfies my soul;

And I never, ever have to be afraid;

One thing remains;

One thing remains. *(Chorus)*

Bridge:

In death, in life, I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love.

My debt is paid there's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love. (Chorus)

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