

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "A Debtor to Mercy Alone"......arr. Gabriel Statom "Bless the Lord"Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

SINGING HIS PRAISE

♦GATHERING SONG: "Arise, My Soul, Arise" Charles Wesley, Kevin Twit

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise. Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede; His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead; His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

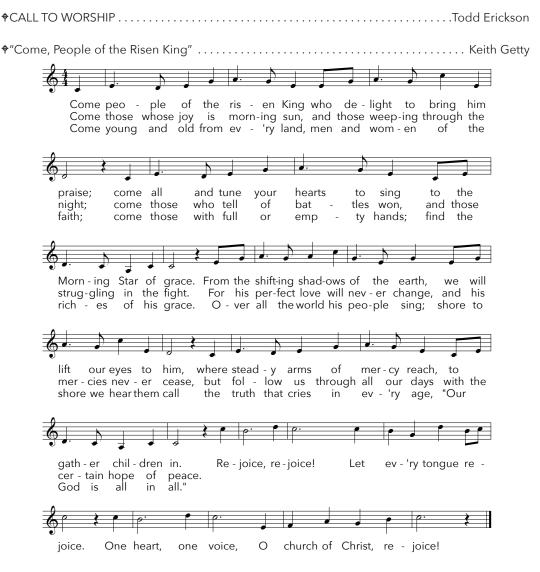
Chorus

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

Chorus

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Chorus



• "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Stuart Townend

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? O, You rescue the souls of men.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore, You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, O, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, O, we've hopelessly lost the way. Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, O, we're falling before Your throne.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SOLO MEDITATION: "A Debtor to Mercy Alone" Text by August Toplady Music by Gabriel Statom

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing; Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and off'ring to bring. The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do; My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete; His promise is Yea and Amen, and never was forfeited yet. Things future, nor things that are now, nor all things below or above, Can make Him His purpose forgo, or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase; Impressed on His heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace. Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is giv'n; More happy, but not more secure, the glorified spirits in Heav'n.

Kathy Hammond, soloist

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 460 "Amazing Grace!"...... John Newton

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING......Revelation 1:4-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON NOTES

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8

I. Jesus Christ is on the throne, and He reigns over everything. (vv. 4-5a)

II. Jesus Christ is on the throne, and His people rejoice. (vv. 5b-6)

III. Jesus Christ is on the throne, and He is returning. (vv. 7-8)

Reflection Questions:

Take an inventory of your life and the life of your family. How can your life be brought more in alignment with the rule of Christ and not the rule of our culture?

Which commitments need to be evaluated and where do you need to repent, finding strength and renewal in the gracious work of our merciful King?

How are the rhythms of your life and the life of your family set? Do they revolve around Christ, His work in the Gospel, and the worship of Him? What hurdles stand in the way of your family having Gospel rhythms?

What would it look like for you to intentionally cultivate the expansion of the rule of Christ in your life and the life of your family? What would it look like for you to center the spokes of your life around Christ?

Have you developed a personal or family vision statement? If not, what would you put as the values that drive your family's devotion in regards to time, money, power, and status?

Getting Connected at Second

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