

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 17, 2025

**“Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.” - Psalm 95 : 6-7**

## WELCOME—ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP   *Psalm 51:14-17*

*O God of my salvation, my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

### WORSHIP IN SONG   Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
the joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
but through Thy free goodness my spirits revive,  
and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
and weep for the praise of the mercy I found.

*Halleluiah! (Halleluiah, Halleluiah)*

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own;  
and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
all praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine  
seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON   *Romans 10:10-13*

*For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

### WORSHIP IN SONG   Kindness

Open up the skies of mercy, and rain down the cleansing flood,  
healing waters rise around us. And hear our cries, Lord, let'em rise.

*And it's Your kindness, Lord, that leads us to repentance;  
Your favor Lord, is our desire. And it's Your beauty, Lord,  
that makes us stand in silence, and Your love, Your love is better than life.*

We can feel Your mercy falling; You are turning our hearts back again.  
Hear our praises rise to heaven. And draw us near, Lord, meet us here.

### WORSHIP IN SONG   His Mercy Is More

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many; 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.

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.

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.

### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

### WORSHIP IN SONG   It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

*It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!  
—my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
even so—it is well with my soul.

*[Kids from Preschool to Kindergarten (ages 3-6) may be dismissed to Kids' Worship.  
Teachers are waiting to lead them out of the sanctuary.]*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture:   *Proverbs 15:1-4*

Sermon:    *“A Soft Answer Turns Away Wrath” - Rev. Brian Walker*

### WORSHIP IN SONG   He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;  
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.  
Till our faith is turned to sight. When He comes at last!

### BENEDICTION