

CRESTVIEW WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday June 24, 2018

Preparation Music Titus 3:4-7(LIV) When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

By your mercy find in me your image, Lord, that I may be a true reflection of your face, by your mercy, by your mercy. By your mercy speak to me clear words of hope and victory; your loving voice assuring me of your mercy, of your mercy. Your righteousness exalts me to your throne where I may stand by faith in Christ alone; not by any merit of my own, but by your mercy. By your mercy set me free in childlike faith to trust and see your truth in radiant robes displayed, robes of mercy, robes of mercy. Your righteousness exalts me to your throne, where I may stand by faith in Christ alone; not by any merit of my own, but by your mercy. By your mercy, by your mercy.

Call to Worship Psalm 136 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. For his mercy endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. For his mercy endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords. For his mercy endures forever. God's mercy extends to this century and to all who believe in his name this day. What greater cause for joining in worship and giving thanks!

Leader: We give thanks to you, God our Father, for mercy that reaches out, for patience that waits our returning, for your love that is ever ready to welcome sinners.

People: We praise you that in Jesus Christ you came to us with forgiveness and that by your Holy Spirit, you move us to repent and receive your love.

Leader: Though we are sinners, you are faithful and worthy of all praise.

People: We praise you, great God, in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE John 15:15 *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.* As Jesus is Lord and Master, he should call us slaves, but instead he calls us friends. Because he is Lord and Master, our obedience should be unqualified and blind, but Jesus asks us to obey him because we love him.

Vs1

**Jesus! what a friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me
whole.**

[Refrain:]

**Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

Vs2

**Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry
wins. [Refrain]**

Vs5

**Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.**

[Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION Read Luke 15 where you will find three parables from Jesus (Lost sheep, coin and Prodigal Son). The sheep was lost because it foolishly wandered away. The coin was lost through no fault of its own. The son left out of selfishness. God's great love reaches out and finds sinners no matter why they became lost.

Leader: Lord, we come to you with the penitence of the prodigal son confessing we have sinned against heaven and in your sight.

People: We have wandered from you. We have used the goods you have given us as though they belonged to us, forgetting that our life and breath and all things are from you.

Leader: We live as though we have no heavenly Father to thank for his goodness, now we come back crying: "why should we perish with hunger, when there is bread enough in our Father's house to spare?"

People: Today, Lord, we come back to you. Be merciful to all sinners. Grant us forgiveness.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Read Luke 15; 1-7. God's love for each individual is so great that he seeks each one out and rejoices when he or she is found. Jesus associated with sinners because he was going to the lost sheep-sinners who were considered beyond hope-to bring them the Good News of God's Kingdom.

Leader: O God, like a good shepherd searching for a lost lamb, like a father redeeming his son, your love is rich beyond our deserving.

People: Thank you Father, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. You never forsake us, no matter how far we move from you. Strengthen us, by your Holy Spirit, that we may grow in faith, increase in love for you, and live lives which bring you honor and glory!

SCRIPTURE/SERMON

Luke 15:11-32—Again in Luke 15 you find three parables-Lost sheep, Lost Coin, Lost son. In the first two, the seeker actively looked for the coin and the sheep, who could not return by themselves. In the Lost Son, the father watched and waited. He was dealing with a human being with a will of his own, but he was ready should his son return. God's love is constant and waiting. He will search for us and give us opportunities to respond, but he does not force us to come to him. Like the father, he waits patiently for us to come to our senses.

OFFERING MUSIC This hymn expresses the feeling of joy and bliss that only Jesus Christ can provide. Take a deep breath and relax into the Lord's grace and mercy as you listen to the beautiful melody.

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

FINAL HYMN Psalm 32:8 *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go: I will counsel you and watch over you.* As you leave this time of worship walk your path one step at a time in the confidence of God's leading, and presence.

v1

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

v2

**We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

v3

**Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to
free:**

**Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.**

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