

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Gathering Music (8:30)

His Mercy Is More

*As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
Psalm 103:12*

CHORUS

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more,
stronger than darkness, new every morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

VERSE 1

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.

VERSE 2

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

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more,
stronger than darkness, new every morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

VERSE 3

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

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more,
stronger than darkness, new every morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

"His Mercy is More"

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Prelude (11:00)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (#276)

*"See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame."*

1 Peter 2:6

VERSE 1

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

VERSE 2

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with accustomed lovingkindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

VERSE 3

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

VERSE 4

Laud and honor to the Father,
 laus and honor to the Son,
 laus and honor to the Spirit,
 ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
 while unending ages run.

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Doxology (#625)

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.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
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Behold the Lamb

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"
John 1:29

VERSE 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
 slain for us: and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
 find forgiveness at the cross.

So, we share in this Bread of Life,
 and we drink of his sacrifice,
 as a sign of our bonds of peace
 around the table of the King.

VERSE 2

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
 torn for you: eat and remember
 the wounds that heal,
 the death that brings us life,
 paid the price to make us one.

So, we share in this Bread of Life,
 and we drink of his sacrifice,
 as a sign of our bonds of love
 around the table of the King.

VERSE 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
 shed for you: drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in
 to receive the life of God.

So, we share in this Bread of Life,
 and we drink of his sacrifice,
 as a sign of our bonds of grace
 around the table of the King.

VERSE 4
And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
 to respond and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
 as his body here on earth.

As we share in his suffering,
we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
 around the table of the King.

"Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)"
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Living Waters

*"Come, all you who are thirsty,
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!"
Isaiah 55:1*

VERSE 1
Are you thirsty?
Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken?
Peace unspoken?
Rest beside these living waters.

VERSE 2
Christ is calling,
 find refreshing
at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down,
 all the old gone;
rise up in these living waters.

CHORUS
There's a river that flows
 with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
 there our hope is secure,
 do not fear anymore;
praise the Lord of living waters.

VERSE 3
Spirit moving,
 mercy washing,
healing in these living waters.
Lead your children
 to the shoreline,
life is in these living waters.

CHORUS

There's a river that flows
with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
there our hope is secure,
do not fear anymore;
praise the Lord of living waters.

VERSE 4

Are you thirsty?
Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness,
vast and boundless;
Christ, he is our living waters.

CHORUS

There's a river that flows
with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
there our hope is secure,
do not fear anymore;
praise the Lord of living waters.

ENDING

There our hope is secure,
do not fear anymore;
praise the Lord of living waters.

"Living Waters"

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They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (#284)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

VERSE 1

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored:

CHORUS

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

VERSE 2

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land:

CHORUS

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

VERSE 3

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
and we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride:

CHORUS

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

VERSE 4

All praise to the Father
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus
his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one:

CHORUS

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"
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Benediction (8:30)

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To
him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.
2 Peter 3:18

VERSE

My friends may you grow in grace
and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends may you grow in grace
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

CHORUS

To God be the glory now and forever,
now and forever. Amen.
To God be the glory now and forever,
now and forever. Amen.

"My Friends May You Grow in Grace"

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Postlude