



*Mercy Hill*

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 30, 2011

## Reflection

Happy, but for so happy, ill secured

~ John Milton

I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells

~Psalm 26

In the righteousness of faith, we work nothing, we render nothing to God,  
but we only receive and allow another to work in us.

~Martin Luther

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## Creation

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 95 & 96

Leader: O come let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord,  
our maker.

**Reply: For He is the Lord, our God, and we are the people of His pasture  
and the sheep of His hand.**

Leader: O worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness. Let the whole earth  
stand in awe of Him.

**Reply: For He comes to judge the world; He will judge the world in  
righteousness, and the peoples in His truth.**

*\*congregation standing*

### **\*A Debtor To Mercy Alone**

A debtor to mercy alone  
Of covenant mercy I sing  
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on  
My person and offering 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

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 given  
More happy but not more secure  
the glorified spirits in heaven

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,  
Not all things below nor above  
Can make Him His purpose forego  
Or sever my soul from His love

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

#### **\* All I Have is Christ**

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

Now Lord I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow  
Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

#### *chorus*

Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

**A**lmighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your Word, and leaning on your arm. Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Redemption*

Words of Encouragement

**Luke 5:29-31**

**A**nd Levi made (Jesus) a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, " why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" and Jesus answered them, "those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. "

**Before the Throne of God Above**

To look on Him and pardon me

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest  
whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of Glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me

**H**ow is the Word made effectual to salvation?

**T**he Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

**H**ow is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

**T**hat the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend to it with diligence, preparation, and prayer, receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives

Offering, Announcements, & Greeting

### Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb  
Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song  
To Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

Filled with wonder  
Awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power  
Breath and living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery

### *chorus*

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning  
Rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor  
Strength and glory  
And power be to You  
The only wise King

# Mission

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-32

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**Reply: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**Reply: Thanks be to God.**

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Sermon

Phil Henry

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## Communion, or Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Mercy Hill welcomes all baptized Christians—those who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, who understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper, and who are members in good standing with congregations that proclaim the Gospel—to receive Holy Communion with us.*

*If you are still in process with some or all of these areas of commitment, please do not partake of the Supper until you have discussed your faith with the pastor.*

*Meanwhile, we welcome you to come forward during the time of communion for a prayer of blessing. At this time, if you'd like, you can ask for help in how you may receive, in faith, through prayer, the whole point of the Sacrament, namely, Jesus Himself.*

*Children may partake of the Lord's Supper with permission of the Pastor.*

### **\*Come Thou Fount**

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither to Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

### **\* Benediction**

*The Benediction is received with hands open, heads raised and eyes opened. It is not a prayer, but God's blessing pronounced upon you. Receive it by faith.*

Mercy Hill is a new church community in South Jersey  
made up of sinners, skeptics,  
and everyone seeking the mercy of God.

We meet during the week as families to share authentic Christian life  
in local groups called “crowded houses.” These are the anchors of our  
relationships with one another and with God.

We gather collectively on Sunday to express our shared faith,  
to celebrate the Gospel as an extended family,  
and to be equipped and trained for the Christian life.

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*Your visit is important to us. Please make sure you leave your email address and  
contact information so we can send you an invite to our online community  
called “Mercy Hill on the City.”*

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We offer child care for children ages 0-5. This is intended to provide both  
a safe and nurturing environment by screened workers for your child.  
You will be asked to provide a cell phone number as you drop off your  
child. A worker will text you during the service if your child has a need,  
so please set your phone to “vibrate” mode. Please note: children will be  
brought out to rejoin the service before communion.

If you'd like to be more involved at Mercy Hill,  
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