

*Hymn 53 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

GOD BLOTS OUT OUR GUILT

God's Call to Confession | Romans 12:1-21

Prayer of Confession | Book of Common Prayer (1552)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant, according to your promises declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon | Hebrews 4:14-16

*Hymn 486 | God, Be Merciful to Me (vv. 1, 2, 5)

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

Congregational Prayer

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC

New Songs 10 | Nearer, Still Nearer

Prayer of Dedication

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Isaiah 63:7-64:12

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | Our Merciful God

Prayer of Application

*New Songs 5 | Wonderful Merciful Savior

*Confession of Faith: Exodus 34:6-7

Pastor: How has God revealed His manifold goodness to us?

All: By declaring Himself to be the LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty.

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 731 | Doxology

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.

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME

We are so glad you have come to worship with us this morning! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer so we can learn how best to serve you.

NURSERY

We believe God covenants with households, and so we encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families who are interested, a staffed nursery is available during the morning service for ages 0-3. Please ask the usher for more information.

FELLOWSHIP

Following the morning service, coffee and snacks are available in the fellowship hall. We encourage you to stick around and give us an opportunity to get to know you!

EVENING WORSHIP

You are warmly welcome to join us at 6:00pm as we assemble again to close out the Lord's Day in public worship!

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OUR MERCIFUL GOD

Isaiah 63:7-64:12

I. When in exile, *proclaim* God's tender pity in the past (63:7-14).

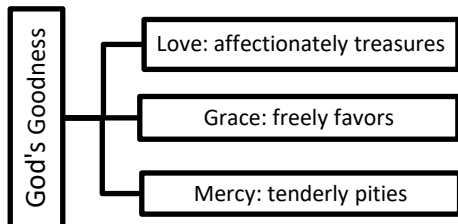
II. When in exile, *plead* God's tender pity in the present (63:15-64:12).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is God's mercy? How is it distinct from God's love and grace?
2. Why is God's mercy particularly encouraging to us when we find ourselves tempted to despair in our sin and suffering?
3. Read Isaiah 62:6-7. How does this relate to the prayer recorded in our text? What is Israel facing as Isaiah leads them in this prayer?
4. What does it mean for God to be afflicted in His people's affliction? Does God suffer? Why is it good news that He doesn't and how do we understand texts like this?
5. How is Isaiah's prayer Trinitarian in nature?
6. What does his remembrance of God's past mercies cause Isaiah to seek from God in the present?
7. In what ways do we need God to show mercy to us today as we await the fulfillment of all that God has promised in Christ?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Have I ever fallen prey to despair due to my sin or suffering? How is God's mercy the great antidote to despair?
2. Does the restless earnestness of the prayers in Isaiah 62:6-7 describe my life? Why, or why not?
3. How has God demonstrated His tender pity toward me in the past? How do His past dealings with me and with His people encourage me to seek His tender pity in the present?



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a community of believers devoted to glorifying our Triune God through God-centered theology, God-ordered worship, God-delighting piety, God-exalting leadership, and God-dependent mission.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

July 16, 2023 AM

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

*God's Call to Worship | Lamentations 3

Pastor: Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!

People: My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.

Pastor: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

People: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Pastor: The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

People: It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Pastor: For the Lord will not cast off forever, but though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

People: for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

*God's Greeting | Jude 1b-2

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

*Prayer of Invocation