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# Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

**EVERYTHING [IN] BETWEEN**

## **Righteousness & Mercy**

As children we were taught to tell the teacher.  
(Justice was dealt when we spoke up.)  
As children we were taught to always be kind.  
(Friends were made when we spoke love.)  
As children we were taught that Zaccheus climbed a tree.  
(But we cut that tree down a long time ago.)  
So what are the rules for this day and age?  
Can we turn black and white into shades of gray?  
Do we call each other out, for righteousness sake?  
Do we call each other in? Do we grab something to eat?  
As always, love is somewhere in between.

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PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship because we long for mercy.

**We long for community.**

**We long for God.**

We come to worship because we need a good word.

**We need connection.**

We come to worship because we are in between:

**hope and grief,**

**faith and doubt,**

**joy and longing,**

**curiosity and conviction.**

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

**Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle!**

**Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE      There's a Wideness in God's Mercy      Hymnal, No. 435

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,**

**When we fail to be righteous,**

**show us mercy.**

**When we fail to be merciful,**

**show us what is right.**

**Again and again,**

**bring us closer to you.**

**Again and again,**

**show us the way.**

**Amen.**

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

When we fail to be righteous,

**God is merciful.**

When we fail to be merciful,

**God invites us to try again.**

Again and again,

**God moves closer to us.**

Again and again,

**God shows us the way.**

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

**Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE      Mother, Brother, Holy Partner      Hymnal, No. 3, Verse 4

Mother, Brother, holy Partner;

Father, Spirit, Only Son:

we would praise your name forever,

one-in-three and three-in-one.

We would share your life, your passion,

Share your word of world made new,

Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MISSION MOMENT

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Page No. 586

Isaiah 43:16-21

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**we were like those who dream.**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

**and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then it was said among the nations,

**'The Lord has done great things for them.**

The Lord has done great things for us,

**and we rejoiced.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

**like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

May those who sow in tears

**reap with shouts of joy.**

Those who go out weeping,

**bearing the seed for sowing,**

shall come home with shouts of joy,

**carrying their sheaves.**

ANTHEM

Heart of Stone

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

Page No. 854

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Everything In Between: Righteousness & Mercy

Tracy L. Evans

\*SONG OF FAITH

Righteous Mercy

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In a world that loves to cast blame**

**and point fingers,**

**Jesus loved by different rules.**

**He offered mercy.**

**He invited people to dinner.**

**He told stories of love.**

**He chose to see the best in others.**

**We believe that small acts of mercy**

**and compassion have ripple effects in our lives.**

**We believe that small acts of righteousness  
and justice are integral to a life of faith.  
So like Christ, we believe in  
offering mercy,  
inviting people to dinner,  
telling stories of love,  
and choosing to see the best in others.  
With God's help, may it be so. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY                      For the Beauty of the Earth                      Hymnal, No. 14  
For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit of God be with you all. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**  
Give thanks to our God! **All our thanks, all our praise!**  
Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

...And this is our song:

**Holy, holy, holy God,  
our life, our mercy, our might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Save us, we pray, you beyond all.  
Blest is the One who comes in your name.  
Save us, we pray, you beyond all.**

...And so we cry, Mercy: **Mercy!**  
And so we cry, Glory: **Glory!**  
And so we cry, Blessing: **Blessing!**

...And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:  
**Come, Holy Spirit!**  
And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:  
**Come, Holy Spirit!**  
And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:  
**Come, Holy Spirit!**

...And so we cry, Amen: **Amen!**

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

Please pray the Lord's Prayer  
in the language and wording most familiar to you.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*SENDING SONG

Just as I Am

Hymnal, No. 442

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for April 13: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49.  
Sanctified Art scripture for April 13: Luke 19:29-40.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for April are socks and deodorant. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

**Hearing-assistance** devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

**Are you looking for a spiritual jumpstart?** You are invited to the weekly Wednesday Devotion, sponsored by the Task Force studying the creation of a new statewide Oklahoma Presbytery.

This is a weekly Zoom held on Wednesdays 9:30-10:00, each led by a different church leader from around the state. Join others from around the state in this.

Zoom link can be found on the Indian Nations Presbytery website at <http://www.okinp.org>

**We are collecting wrapped candy to put in plastic Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt.** Please bring to the church by Wednesday, April 9. And we have more than enough plastic eggs! Thank you!

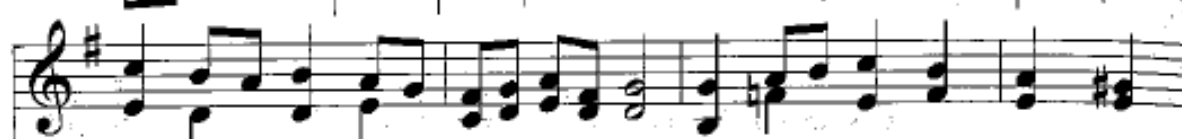
# 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



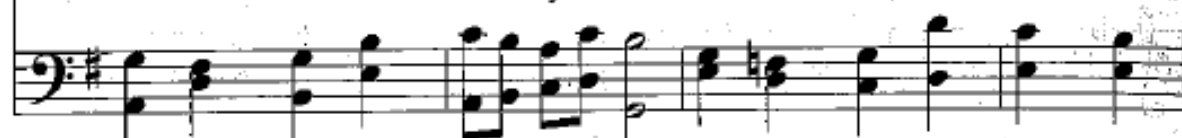
1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures



of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal



which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more



sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.



# Righteous Mercy

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D ("Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus")

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Rowland H. Prichard, 1830;  
harm. Ralph Vaugh Williams, 1906

Since our child - hood you have taught us what is wrong  
Though there's wide - ness in your mer - cy, let us not  
Far too of - ten we hold on - to an - ger dressed  
and what is right Nur - tur - ing our sense of  
a - buse that grace Called in - to this Chris - tian  
as righ - teous - ness We for - get we serve a  
8  
jus - tice, fuel - ing us to work and fight Keep that  
jour - ney, let our lives re - flect our faith When we  
God who calls us to re - la - tion - ship So when  
14  
fire for jus - tice burn - ing in the sha - dow  
fal - ter and fall short of our com - mit - ment  
those who caused us harm re - pent and choose a  
19  
of our fear E - ven there your Spi - rit's stir - ring,  
to your will Hold us, wrap - ping us in your love  
bet - ter way Spi - rit move our venge - ful hearts  
25  
light - ing us a path that's clear  
as we work toward whole - ness still  
to choose love in - stead of wrath

# 442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,  
4 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -  
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise  
ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee,  
in, with - out,  
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!  
thine a - lone,