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WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP OUR GOD NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Worship Theme: The Merciful God

Bulletin theology: WCF 5.5
The most wise, righteous, and gracious God often leaves, for a season, his own children to manifold temptations and to the corruption of their own hearts. He does this to chastise them for their past sins, and to humble them by making them aware of the hidden strength of the corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts—and then to raise them to a closer, more constant dependence upon himself for their support, to make them more watchful against all future occasions for sinning, and to fulfill various other just and holy purposes.

Welcome and Announcements
Operation Christmas Child video
*Congregational Greeting

(indicates to please stand, if able)*

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — from Psalm 63 Rev. Tony Lombardo

L: O God, You are our God; earnestly we seek You.
C: My soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
L: So we have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.
C: Because Your steadfast love is better than life, so our lips will praise You.
L: Bless the Lord as long as you live—in His Name, lift up your hands to worship! Amen.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***WORSHIP THROUGH SONG:** Worship Team
Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor
Psalm 73
Abide with Me

Confession of Sin Rev. Alex Ford
C: Holy Lord, we have sinned times without number; and we have been guilty: of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your word, of neglecting to seek You in our daily lives. Our sin is ever before us. No trial is so hard to bear as the weight of unconfessed sin; so we thank You for Your wisdom and Your love, disciplining us even if in the furnace, that You may refine our gold and remove our dross. By Your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
[silent confession]

Truly, our transgressions and shortcomings present us with an irrefutable list of accusations; we praise You that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue our corruptions, and grant us grace to live above them. Do not let the desires of the flesh or the desires of the eyes or the pride of life bring us into subjection; but may You rule over us in liberty and power. Go on with Your patient work, answering "no" to our wrongful prayers, and making us ready to accept Your "no" when it comes. Purge from us every false desire, every base aspiration, everything contrary to Your rule. Then shall we bless you, Lord God, for making us upright in Your sight.

Assurance of Pardon—from Ephesians 2:4-6

L: To those who repent in this way, trusting Christ's finished work in your place, in the Name of Christ, I declare that God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved you, even when you were dead in your sins, made you alive together with Christ and raised you up with Him and seated you with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus—truly, your sins are forgiven. Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Rev. Tony Lombardo

Church: Resurrection Presbyterian (Madison)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS (please remain seated)

Offering Song: Hymn 275 *How Firm a Foundation*

SERMON Rev. Tony Lombardo

Text: James 5:7-12 (p. 1029 in pew Bible)

Sermon Series – THE BOOK OF JAMES: Practical Faith

Title: **"Patience in Suffering"**

*Sending Song – *Jesus the Shepherd of My Soul*

(Mission of the Month offering received during the song. Please remain seated until the offering plate passes by)

***BENEDICTION**

Postlude