

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • JULY 24, 2016 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 John 4:9–10

Pastor: In this the love of God was made manifest among us.

People: That God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

Pastor: In this is love, not that we have loved God.

People: But that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE Forever

1. Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus
Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

2. With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

3. From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

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Sing praise sing praise

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:35–39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

More Love to Thee, O Christ

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best:
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

3. Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;
Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
When they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise,
This still its prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.

1869 Authors: Elizabeth P. Prentiss, William H. Doane

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our first parents doubted your goodness and so were led into sin. Although you provided in abundance, as an expression of your love, they determined to seek what was good in their own eyes. We confess that our every sin follows the same path. For you tell us that “whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.” Forgive us for questioning your steadfast love, and doubting your power to work all things for our good in Christ Jesus. Forgive us for demanding more as proof of your concern rather than entrusting our lives to your care. And as we turn to you in repentance, remind us of the many reasons we have to give you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16–17

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Here is love, vast as the ocean
Loving-kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
(REPEAT)

Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide

Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

1. The love of Christ is rich and free
Fixed on His own eternally
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove
Long as He lives, His own He'll love

2. His loving heart engaged to be
Their everlasting surety
‘Twas love that took their cause in hand
And love maintains it to the end.

Chorus

Love cannot from its post withdraw
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law
Can turn the Surety's heart away
He'll love His own to endless day.

Here is Love

Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

No love is higher, no love is wider
No love is deeper, no love is truer
(REPEAT 3X)

Here is love, vast as the ocean
Loving-kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom
Shed for us His precious blood

Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

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The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

3. Love has redeemed His sheep with blood
And love will bring them safe to God
Love calls them all from death to life
And love will finish all their strife

4. He loves through every changing scene,
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean
Not all the wanderings of her heart
Can make His love for her depart
Chorus

5. At death, beyond the grave, He'll love
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
Which never could from them remove
Which never could from them remove.

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SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 136

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵ to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁶ to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁷ to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁸ the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁰ to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹¹ and brought Israel out from among them,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹² with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹³ to him who divided the Red Sea in two,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁴ and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁵ but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁶ to him who led his people through the wilderness,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁷ to him who struck down great kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁸ and killed mighty kings,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

¹⁹ Sihon, king of the Amorites,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁰ and Og, king of Bashan,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²¹ and gave their land as a heritage,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²² a heritage to Israel his servant,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²³ It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁴ and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

²⁵ he who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

SERMON

“The Refrain that Must be Ingrained”

- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured, boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean,
In its fullness over me
Underneath me all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To Thy glorious rest above

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Love of every love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest
O the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee

O the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee

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DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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*“Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
Once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.”
I Peter 2:10*

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