

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • JULY 3, 2016 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Colossians 3:15-17

Pastor: And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

People: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Pastor: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

HYMN OF PRAISE Brethren We Have Met to Worship

*1. Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.*

*2. Brethren, see poor sinners 'round you
Slumb'ring on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving
Can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers
And our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.*

*3. Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners
Who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior
Tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.*

*4. Let us love our God supremely,
Let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners
Till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven,
At His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us
With sweet manna all around
With sweet manna all around*

*Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 17:15-23

¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

SINGING OF THE PSALMS Psalm 122

(O 'Twas a Joyful Sound to Hear)

(to the tune of "Our God Our Help in Ages Past")

*1. O 'twas a joyful sound to hear
Our tribes devoutly say,
Up, Israel! to the temple haste,
And keep your festal day.*

*2. At Salem's courts we must appear
With our assembled pow'rs,
In strong and beauteous order ranged,
Like her united tow'rs.*

*3. O pray we then for Salem's peace;
For they shall prosp'rous be,
Thou holy city of our God,
Who bear true love to thee.*

*4. May peace within thy sacred walls
A constant guest be found;
With plenty and prosperity
Thy palaces be crowned.*

*4. For my dear brethren's sake, and friends
No less than brethren dear,
I'll pray, May peace in Salem's tow'rs
A constant guest appear.*

*5. But most of all I'll seek thy good,
And ever wish thee well,
For Zion and the temple's sake,
Where God vouchsafes to dwell.*

Trinity Hymnal #276

SCRIPTURE READING

*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"*

*² Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!*

*³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,*

*⁴ to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.*

*⁵ There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.*

Psalm 122

*⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
"May they be secure who love you!"*

*⁷ Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!"*

*⁸ For my brothers and companions'
sake*

I will say, "Peace be within you!"

*⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD
our God,*

I will seek your good.

SERMON

"The Gospel that Gathers"
-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

*1. We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up
Chorus*

*2. In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength
Chorus*

*3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.
Chorus*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, the fruit of your Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Yet our flesh continues to strive against your Spirit. We find in ourselves hatred, bitterness, strife, and anxiety. We are impatient, impulsive, and callous. We confess that these keep us from you, and drive us from one another. Forgive us for resisting your Spirit. Renew us that we might reflect your grace, as those gathered together through your Son. In his name we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Micah 7:19

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus Lover of My Soul

1. *Jesus, lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me O my Savior, hide
Till life's storm is past
Safe into the haven guide
Receive my soul at last*

2. *Other refuge have I none
I helpless hang on Thee
Leave, oh! leave me not alone
Still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed
All help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.*

3. *Thou, O Christ, art all I want
More than all in Thee I find
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint
Heal the sick, and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy name
I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou art full of truth and grace*

4. *Plenteous grace with Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art
Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart
For all eternity*

*Jesus, lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly*

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1. *Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat,
And the burden of the day.*

2. *Upon the cross of Jesus,
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.*

3. *I take O cross thy shadow
For my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face:
Content to let the world go by
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory, all the cross.*

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To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory, all the cross.*

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HYMN OF RESPONSE Jesus Shall Reign

1. *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run
His kingdom spread from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more*

2. *For Him shall endless prayer be made
And praises throng to crown His head
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice*

3. *People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name*

4. *Blessings abound where'er He reigns
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blessed*

5. *Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeats the loud amen*

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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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