

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-5, 8

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people!

Congregation: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Congregation: Remember his wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he uttered. He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMNS OF ADORATION

All Creatures Of Our God and King

All: All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Chorus

All: O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Women: Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,
Chorus

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This is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought
2. This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere
3. This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father's world
The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heaven be one!

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PSALM OF CONFESSION

1. Oh, the heavens declare,
The majestic glory of God;
The skies proclaim his works,
Along with all the earth.
Oh, and day unto day,
All creation pours out His word;
Night to night their voices are heard.

Chorus

You're my rock and my redeemer,
You're the reason that I sing;
I desire to be a blessing
In Your eyes.

Every hour and every moment,
Lord I want to be Your servant,
I desire to be a blessing
In Your eyes, in Your eyes.

Psalm 19

2. Oh, the law of the Lord,
Will our very spirits restore;
His precepts are right,
His testimonies sure;
And the fear of the Lord
Offers sweetest wisdom to mankind,
His truth transcends the ages of time.
Chorus

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 2:36-45

³⁶“This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. ³⁷You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory,³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold.³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.⁴⁰ And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.⁴¹ And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay.⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle.⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

CONFESSON OF SIN

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you alone are God, our Creator and Redeemer. “Keep yourselves from idols,” you tell us. “Have no other gods before me,” you command. All others are “no gods” you say. We should love and serve you with gladness. And yet, time and again, we worship and serve the creature rather than you, our glorious, immortal God, who is forever blessed. From you, and through you, and to you are all things. Forgive us for turning away from you, trusting in things besides you, and exalting something other than you. Though we are often faithless, thank you for your steadfast love for us, revealed in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 3:23-25

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

HYMN OF ASSURANCE**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

4. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS****HYMN OF PREPARATION****Speak, Oh Lord**

*(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for "Equip for Worship" during the last stanza.
Visitors' children are welcome.)*

1. Speak O Lord as we come to You To receive the food of Your holy word. Take Your truth plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in Your likeness That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith Speak O Lord and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory	Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief
2. Teach us Lord full obedience Holy reverence true humility Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity	3. Speak O Lord and renew our minds Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity And by grace we'll stand on Your promises And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us Speak O Lord till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory

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SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 17:1-15**

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SERMON**"The Message that Unsettled the World"**

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE **How Firm a Foundation**

1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress."

4. "When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine."

5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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BENEDICTION**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!

POSTLUDE

*"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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