

**MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Jeremiah 10:6-7, 10-12**

**Leader:** There is none like you; O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might.

**People:** **Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.**

**Leader:** The Lord is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King.

**People:** **At his wrath the earth quakes, and the nations cannot endure his indignation.**

**Leader:** Thus shall you say to them, "The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens."

**People:** **It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**A Mighty Fortress**

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our Helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient Foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be:  
Christ Jesus it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name,  
from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

3. And though this world with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed,  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever!  
His kingdom is forever!  
His kingdom is forever!

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**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**John 16:33**

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE**

**O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

1. O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that follow'st all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;

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**DEACON MINUTE**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for Equip for Worship after the reading.  
Visitors' children are welcome. Children return to worship following the sermon.  
Today's volunteers: Chris Misiano, Laurie Dowd, Nora Misiano

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Romans 2:25-29**

<sup>25</sup>For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. <sup>26</sup>So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? <sup>27</sup>Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. <sup>28</sup>For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. <sup>29</sup>But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

**CONGREGATIONAL READING**

**Romans 3:10b-18**

<sup>10b</sup>"None is righteous, no, not one;  
<sup>11</sup> no one understands;  
no one seeks for God.  
<sup>12</sup>All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;  
no one does good,  
not even one."  
<sup>13</sup>"Their throat is an open grave;  
they use their tongues to deceive."  
"The venom of asps is under their lips."  
<sup>14</sup> "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."  
<sup>15</sup>"Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
<sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery,  
<sup>17</sup>and the way of peace they have not known."  
<sup>18</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

**SERMON**

**"Righteousness: Is It Inward or Outward?"  
- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

## COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

### 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

*Mercy*  
Presbyterian Church

*"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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