

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah 10:6, 10-12

Minister: *The LORD is the true God, he is the living God and the everlasting King.*

Congregation: *The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.*

Minister: *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 ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Your Great Name We Praise

1. *Immortal, invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most holy, most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise*

2. *Unresting, unhasting
And silent as light
Not wanting or wasting
You rule us in might
Your justice like mountains
High soaring above
Your clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love*

CHORUS

*Most Holy, Most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise*

3. *All life comes from You Lord
To both great and small
In all life You live Lord,
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish,
But quickly grow frail
We wither and perish,
But You never fail.
Chorus*

4. *Great Father of glory,
Pure Father of light
Your angels adore You
All veiling their sight
All praise we will render
Oh Father of grace
Till one day in splendor
We see face to face.
Chorus 2X*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 86:8-13

⁸ *There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.*

⁹ *All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.*

¹⁰ *For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.*

¹¹ *Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.*

¹² *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.*

¹³ *For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.*

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. *Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heav'n Thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore Thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:*

2. *From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hard'ning pow'r of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within.*

Chorus

*By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord,
Good Lord.*

3. *When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's pow'r,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you say, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength." Yet we are unwilling. In fear and trouble, we turn to idols for comfort and deliverance, though you alone are the LORD our God. We crave the blessing of creation, though we are called to worship and serve you, the Creator who is forever blessed. Forgive our great folly in pursuing false gods, when Jesus alone is the radiance of your glory and the exact representation of your being. Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, and conform us ever more to the image of Christ our Savior.

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 It Is Well With My Soul

1. *When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul*

Chorus
*It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well, with my soul*

2. *Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul
Chorus*

3. *My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul
Chorus*

4. *And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul
Chorus 2X*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN **This I Believe (The Creed)**

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

*1. Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Savior*

Chorus

*I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

*2. Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life,
Forever seated high
Chorus*

*I believe in You, I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

*I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy church
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus
Chorus*

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SCRIPTURE READING **1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

SERMON

"Gospel Replication"
- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE **Narrow Little Road**

*1. I believe in the love of God
It is an orphan's wildest dream
It is a narrow little road
It is an ever-widening desert stream*

Chorus

*Oh I, and I
I will leave this road, for the narrow
Oh I, and I
I will leave this road, for the narrow*

*2. It is portrayed in the bread and wine
Let it fortify my bones
It is more than just a sign
It is the fountain from that desert stone
Chorus*

*3. It is the path where the humble go
It is the narrow not the broad
It is the pathway down the hill
To the graveyard of the living God
Chorus*

*4. The Love of God is the hymn of hope
Let the needy join the throng
Let the widow hear and cope
Let the cripple rise to sing this song
Chorus 2X*

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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!

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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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