

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 15:3-4

Minister: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Congregation: Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Minister: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

Congregation: For you alone are holy.

Minister: All nations will come and worship you.

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.

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.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Question 21

Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

SONG OF PRAISE Man of Sorrows

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

1. Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

2. Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowling to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus
Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

3. Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree
Chorus

Bridge
Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
REPEAT
Chorus

4. See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave
Chorus
Praise and honour unto Thee
Praise and honour unto Thee

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SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

¹⁷ But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, ¹⁸ because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹ For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

¹ Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, ² and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, ³ that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. ⁴ For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. ⁵ For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—⁷ for this reason, brothers, ⁸ in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁹ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ¹⁰ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹¹ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹² Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹³ and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹⁴ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

SERMON "Emotionally Engaged in the Gospel"
-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION Behold the Lamb

1. Behold the Lamb
Who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember
The promise made
That all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal,
The death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, we long for the peace of Christ to rule our hearts. We desire to maintain the unity of the Spirit, bearing the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Yet we confess the works of the flesh that flow from our hearts: sexual immorality, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, divisions, envy, and things like these. Forgive us. And lead us in deeper repentance, through greater faith, as we await your return.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 130:7

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lord, I Need You

*1. Lord I come, I confess
Bowling here, I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart*

Chorus

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh, God, how I need You*

*2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Chorus*

*(Bridge)
So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
Chorus 2X
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

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There is a Fountain

*1. There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains*

*2. The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away*

*3. When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save*

*4. Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more*

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HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Lo, He Comes

*1. Lo, he comes! with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain
Thousand thousand saints attending, swell the triumph of his train
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign*

*2. Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see*

Chorus

*Alleluia! Christ shall reign! Alleluia! Risen King!
Alleluia! Christ shall reign! Alleluia! Risen King!*

*3. Those dear tokens of his passion, still his dazzling body bears
Source of endless exultation, to his ransomed worshippers
With what rapture, with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars
With what rapture, with what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars*

*4. Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne
Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign and thou alone
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign and thou alone
Chorus*

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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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Mercy
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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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