

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 11, 2015 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Leviticus 20:26; 22:32-33

Minister: *You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.*

Congregation: *I am the LORD who sanctifies you, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God.*

Minister: *I am the LORD.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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| <i>1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.</i> | <i>4. He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.</i> |
| <i>2. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.</i> | <i>His blood availed for me. (Repeat)</i> |
| <i>3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.</i> | <i>5. He speaks and list'ning to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.</i> |
| | <i>6. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap, ye lame, for joy</i> |

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

CONFESSION OF SIN

God our Father, you adopt us as your children through Jesus Christ, showering us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, and promising us an everlasting inheritance. Yet we live as though unloved. We approach your law as if our good works can gain your favor, and in so doing remain focused on ourselves. Forgive our self-righteous deeds, which appear good, but express no delight in you or concern for others. Teach us to love as you have first loved us. And thank you for sending your Son who fulfilled your law, that we might receive mercy and grace.

HYMN OF CONFESSION Abide with Me

- 1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.*
- 2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.*
- 3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.*
- 4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.*
- 5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.*

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 10:14

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Your Grace Is Enough

*1. Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart*

Pre-Chorus

*So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God*

Chorus

*Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

*2. Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along*

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2X

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

*Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN **Rock of Ages**

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

1. *Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.*

2. *Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.*

3. *Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.*

4. *While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.*

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SCRIPTURE READING **1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

⁹Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹²so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

SERMON **"The Sum of Sanctification: An Aim to Please God"**
- Rev. Rob Edwards

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism # 35

Q: What is sanctification?

A: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

SONG OF RESPONSE **Dearly We're Bought**

1. *Come raise your thankful voice,
ye souls redeemed with blood;
leave earth and all its toys,
and mix no more with mud.*

Chorus
*Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood redeemed.
Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood,
Redeemed.*

2. *With heart, and soul, and mind,
exalt redeeming love;
Leave wordly cares behind,
and set your minds above.*

3. *Lift up your ravished eyes,
And view the glory given;
All lower things despised,
Ye citizens of heaven.
Chorus*

4. *Be to this world as dead,
Alive to that to come
Our life in Christ is hid,
who soon shall call us home.*

*Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood redeemed.
(3x)*

*Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood,
Redeemed. Redeemed*

Author: Joseph Hart (1712-1768)

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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