

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 119:89-90, 160; John 1:14

Minister: *Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations.*

Congregation: *The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your
righteous rules endures forever.*

Minister: *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have
seen his glory, glory as the only Son from the Father, full of grace
and truth.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE 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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READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 15:11-20

¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." ¹² Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." ¹⁶ And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. *Jesus with Thy church abide
Be her Savior Lord and Guide
While on earth her faith is tried
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us*

2. *Keep her life and doctrine pure
Grant her patience to endure
Trusting in Thy promise sure
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us*

Jesus With Thy Church Abide

3. *May she one in doctrine be
One in truth and charity
Winning all to faith in Thee
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us*

4. *May she guide the poor and blind
Seek the lost until she find
And the broken-hearted bind
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us*

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CONFESSION OF SIN Isaiah 63:16, 19; 64:5-6, 8-9

Leader: *You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.*

People: *We have become like those over whom you have never ruled, like those who are not called by your name.*

Leader: *In our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?*

People: *We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.*

Leader: *But now, O Lord, you are the potter; we are the clay; we are all the work of your hand.*

People: *Remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 9:14

How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Nothing But the Blood

1. *What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Chorus

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

2. *For my cleansing this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my pardon this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus*

3. *Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus*

4. *This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus 2X*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN

Before the Throne of God Above

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

*1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart*

*3. Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God*

*2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me*

*One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Titus 1:10-16

¹⁰ For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. ¹¹ They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. ¹² One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." ¹³ This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴ not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. ¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. ¹⁶ They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

SERMON

"The Order and Disorder of the Church"

- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Build Your Kingdom Here

*1. Come, set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us*

*2. We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause*

*We are Your church
We pray: revive this earth*

Chorus
*Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win the nations back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray*

*3. Unleash Your kingdoms power
Reaching the near and far
No force of Hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ*

*We are Your church
We are the hope on earth
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!

POSTLUDE

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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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