

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • MAY 8, 2016 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145:1–3, 16–17

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

People: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

All: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.*

*2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.*

*3. Let every kindred every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.*

*4. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!*

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

PSALM OF CONFESSION Psalm 126, All Those Who Are Weeping

*1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!*

Chorus

*Although we are weeping, Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!*

*2. The nations will say "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!
Chorus 2X
All those who sew weeping will go out with songs of joy!*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And yet we question the wisdom of your ways. We cannot comprehend the counsel of your will, and so we doubt your goodness and might. You invite honest prayers that express our sorrow, but they so easily become accusations arising from hardened hearts. Bitterness takes root, and our grumbling overflows against you and others. Teach us, with Job, to cover our mouths. And rather than contend with you, may we find comfort in Christ Jesus our Savior, who suffered for our salvation before entering his glory, securing for us eternal life in the age to come.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Acts 4:11–12

"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus name*

*2. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay*

CHORUS

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all*

Cornerstone

*3. When Darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil
Chorus*

*4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Chorus*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING There is A Hope

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

*1. There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part, yet drives all doubt away.
I stand in Christ with sins forgiv'n and Christ in me the hope of heav'n.
My highest calling, and my deepest joy, to make His will my home*

*2. There is a hope that lifts my weary head;
A consolation, strong against despair
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Savior there.
Through present sufferings, future's fear, He whispers courage in my ear;
For I am safe in everlasting arms, and they will lead me home.*

*3. There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine, when I behold His face.
When sufferings cease, and sorrows die, and ev'ry longing satisfied;
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, for I am truly home.*

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SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 1:19-2:20

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?” ²⁰ She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹ I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”

²² So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

¹ Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor.” And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.” ³ So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. ⁴ And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you!” And they answered, “The LORD bless you.” ⁵ Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?” ⁶ And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, “She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. ⁷ She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.”

⁸ Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. ⁹ Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn.” ¹⁰ Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?” ¹¹ But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. ¹² The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!” ¹³ Then she said, “I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants.”

¹⁴ And at mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine.” So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. ¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. ¹⁶ And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.”

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸ And she took it up and went into the city. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also brought out and gave her what food she had left over after being satisfied. ¹⁹ And her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, “The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz.” ²⁰ And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!” Naomi also said to her, “The man is a close relative of ours, one of our redeemers.”

SERMON “God’s Favor in the Face of a Redeemer” - Rev. Rob Edwards

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH New City Catechism Question 20

Q. Who is the Redeemer?

A. ***The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.***

HYMN OF RESPONSE Jesus Paid it All

1. I hear the Savior say
“Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all”

Chorus
Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone
Chorus

3. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
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He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

(BRIDGE)
Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
(REPEAT 6X)

Chorus
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

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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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