

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Galatians 4:4–7

Pastor: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law.

People: So that we might receive adoption as sons.

Pastor: And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts.

People: Crying, “Abba! Father!”

Pastor: So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Let us Love and Sing and Wonder

1. Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents our souls to God

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store,
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Has secured our way to God.

5. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 2:4–10

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication
If Thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O who shall stand before Thee?

2. To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth
Our works alas are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might
And live alone by mercy.

3. Therefore, my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit
On Him my soul shall rest;
His word upholds my fainting spirit
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support
(Men) I wait for it with patience.
(Women echo) Wait for it with patience

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)

4. What though I wait the live long night
Until the dawn appeareth
My heart still trusteth in His might,
It doubteth not nor feareth
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed
(Men) And wait 'til God appeareth.
(Women echo) Wait 'til God appeareth

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth
His helping love, no limit knows,
Our utmost need it soundeth
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
(Men) From all their sin and sorrow.
(Women echo) All their sin and sorrow
(Men) From all their sin and sorrow.
(Women echo) All their sin and sorrow

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 130:7–8

“Hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”

HYMN OF ASSURANCE All Must Be Well

1. Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

2. Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

3. We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying, All must be well.
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Yes in living or in dying, All must be well.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nolan Scott Hopkins

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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

*1. I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free*

Chorus

*Sing, oh sing of my Redeemer
With His blood
He purchased me
On the cross
He sealed my pardon
Paid the debt, and made me free*

*2. I will tell the wondrous story
How my lost estate to save
In His boundless love and mercy
He the ransom freely gave
Chorus*

*3. I will praise my dear Redeemer
His triumphant pow'r I'll tell
How the victory He giveth
Over sin and death and hell
Chorus*

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SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 4:1-12

¹ Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. ² And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. ³ Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. ⁴ So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." ⁵ Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." ⁶ Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

⁷ Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸ So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. ¹⁰ Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." ¹¹ Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, ¹² and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman."

SERMON

"Waiting on the Work of the Redeemer"

- Rev. Rob Edwards

SONG OF RESPONSE

*1. Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood
Hear and sing ye sons of God
Justice satisfied indeed
Christ has full atonement made*

*2. Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet
Here all Deity can meet
And without a jarring voice
Welcome Zion to rejoice
Welcome Zion to rejoice*

Chorus

*All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free
All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free*

She Must and Shall Go Free

*3. Peace of conscience peace with God
We obtain through Jesus' blood
Jesus' blood speaks solid rest
We believe and we are blest
We believe and we are blest
Chorus*

Bridge

*Should the law against her roar
Jesus' blood still speaks with pow'r
All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free*

And she must and shall go free

Chorus

*And she must and shall go free
And she must and shall go free
And she must and shall go free*

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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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