

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 51:15–17

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

People: For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Come Thou Fount

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious Blood

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace now like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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Here's my heart O take and seal it
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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1–7

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: With two wings he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said, “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

HYMN OF PETITION Heal Us, Emmanuel

Solo: Chorus

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry

1. Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust Thy word
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!
Chorus

ALL

2. Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried
“O help my unbelief!”
Chorus

3. She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace
Thy faith has made thee whole.”
Chorus

4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away
Chorus

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CALL TO CONFESSION 2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

CONFESSION OF SIN Psalm 32:1–5

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgression to the LORD.”

People: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SONG OF ASSURANCE All I Have is Christ

CHORUS

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

1. I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING **Upon a Life I Have Not Lived**

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

1. Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a Death I did not die,
Another's Life; Another's Death:
I stake my whole eternity.

2. Not on the tears which I have shed;
Not on the sorrows I have known:
Another's tears; Another's griefs:
On these I rest, on these alone.

3. Lord, I believe; O deal with me
As one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me
As one who had Thy gift received.
Chorus

4. Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a Death I did not die,
Another's Life; Another's Death:
I stake my whole eternity.
Chorus (2X)

Chorus
O Jesus, Son of God, I build on
What Thy cross has done for me
There both my life and death I read,
My guilt, and pardon there I see.
There I see.

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SCRIPTURE READING **1 John 1:5-2:2**

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

SERMON **"Clarity About Sin with Confidence in Christ"**
- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE **On Christ the Solid Rock**

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

Chorus
On Christ, the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil,
Chorus

3. 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

4. When He shall come
With trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Chorus (twice)

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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



*"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*

