

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 16, 2016 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Deuteronomy 10:14-15, 20-21

Pastor: Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

Together: Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

Pastor: You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear.

Together: He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

SONG OF PRAISE 10,000 Reasons

Chorus

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

*1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Chorus*

*2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Chorus*

*3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Chorus 2X*

(ENDING)

*I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15:18-25

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.'

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lover of the loveless, it is your will that I should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and my neighbor as myself. But I am not sufficient for these things. There is by nature no pure love in my soul; every affection in me is turned from you; I am bound as a slave to lust, I cannot love you, lovely as you are, until you set me free. Spirit of God grow me in your love, may I manifest it to others, and may I always be ready to give you the honor and the glory.

HYMN OF CONFESSION More Love to Thee, O Christ

*1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.*

*2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best:
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.*

*3. Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;
Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
When they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.*

*4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise,
This still its prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.*

1869 Authors: Elizabeth P. Prentiss, William H. Doane

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 15:13-16

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 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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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING **What Wondrous Love is This**

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

1. *What wondrous love is this
O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul*

2. *When I was sinking down
Sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul*

*Chorus
What wondrous love is this (4X)*

3. *To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme I will sing
While millions join the theme I will sing
Chorus*

4. *And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing his love for me
And thro' eternity I'll sing on
And thro' eternity I'll sing on
Chorus*

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SCRIPTURE READING **1 John 3:11-18**

¹¹ For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

SERMON **"Being Part of the Family of God"**
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

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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