

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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HYMN OF REFLECTION

Poor Sinner Dejected with Fear

Solo 1. Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.

3. The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold,
Hold them fast.

ALL 2. Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go",
But surely will take out thy stain
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 10:19, 22–24, 25b

Pastor: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

People: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Pastor: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG 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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OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 3:1–5, 8–9

¹ Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. ² And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" ³ Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. ⁴ And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." ⁵ And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.

⁸ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. ⁹ For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.

CONFESSION OF SIN Psalm 19:7, 12–14

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Leader: Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

People: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

PSALM OF CONFESSION May the Words of My Mouth—Psalm 19

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You
May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God

You're my rock and my redeemer
You're the reason that I sing
I desire to be a blessing
In Your eyes

Every hour and every moment
Lord I want to be Your servant
I desire to be a blessing
In Your eyes, in Your eyes
REPEAT ALL

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God

Authors: Shane Barnard & Shane Everett

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Revelation 12:10–11a

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power of the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

SONG OF ASSURANCE Overcome

1. Seated above, enthroned in the Father's love
Destined to die, poured out for all mankind
God's only Son, perfect and spotless one
He never sinned, but suffered as if He did
All authority, every victory is Yours. All authority, every victory is Yours

Chorus

Savior, worthy of honor and glory. Worthy of all our praise, You overcame Jesus, awesome in power forever. Awesome and great is Your name, You overcame

2. Power in hand speaking the Father's plan. Sending us out, light in this broken land
All authority, every victory is Yours. All authority, every victory is Yours
Chorus

Bridge

We will overcome by the blood of the Lamb
And the word of our testimony, Ev'ryone overcome (repeat Bridge)

Chorus 2X

Author: Jeremy Camp

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING **It is Well**

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

*1. When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul*

*Chorus
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well, with my soul*

*2. Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul
Chorus*

*3. My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul
Chorus*

*4. And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul
Chorus 2X*

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SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:19-24

*¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;
²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he
knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have
confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we
keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his
commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one
another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments
abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the
Spirit whom he has given us.*

SERMON "A Confidence that's to Characterize our Entire Lives" - Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE Before the Throne of God Above

*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*

*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*

*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*

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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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