

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:1, 28-29

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People: For his steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you.

People: You are my God; I will extol you.

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

SONG OF PRAISE O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured, boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean,
In its fullness over me
Underneath me all around me
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To Thy glorious rest above

2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Love of every love the best
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest
O the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to Thee

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 7:6-9

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

HYMN OF PRAISE What Wondrous Love is This

(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for a children's Bible lesson during the last stanza.
Visitor's 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 and joyful be
And thro' eternity I'll sing on
And thro' eternity I'll sing on
Chorus

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SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:7-5:3

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot^{a1} love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

SERMON

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HYMN OF PREPARATION

My Jesus I Love Thee

1. My Jesus I love Thee,
I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies,
Of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer,
My Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee,
My Jesus 'tis now.

2. I love Thee because Thou
Has first loved me
And purchased my pardon,
On Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing,
The thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee,
My Jesus 'tis now.

3. I'll love Thee in life,
And I'll love Thee in death
I'll praise Thee as long
As Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew
Lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee,
My Jesus 'tis now.

4. In mansions of glory,
And endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee
In heaven so bright
And sing with the glittering
Crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee,
My Jesus 'tis now
My Jesus 'tis now

CONFESSION OF SIN Psalm 24:5-7, 11

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

People: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

People: For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

THE LORD'S SUPPER None Other Lamb

*1. None other Lamb, none other name
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea
None other hiding place from guilt and shame
None beside Thee*

*2. My faith burns low, my hope burns low
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe
Cries out to Thee*

Chorus

*None other Lamb, none other name
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea
None other hiding place from guilt and shame
None beside Thee*

*3. Lord Thou art life, though I be dead
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head
Nor home, but Thee
Chorus 2X*

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How Deep the Father's Love/When I Survey

*How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.*

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me
most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*Why should I gain from His reward?
Why should I gain from His reward?
Why should I gain from His reward?
Why should I gain from His reward?*

*Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

arr. Amy Corbett, 2016

CLOSING SONG He Will Swallow Up Death

*1. The whole of nature groans with longing,
We ache for that promised glory
Still we rejoice because we know
Plans formed of old, faithful and sure*

*2. The whole of nature groans with longing;
We wait for that promised glory
Still we rejoice because we know
Our sorrow's end is coming*

Chorus

*He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces
He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces
We'll sing: "This is our God we've waited for and he saved us!"
He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces*

*3. Here in the darkness of our mourning;
We wait for the Light that's coming
And on that day we will return
With joy and gladness singing:
Chorus*

*Behold, your God. He will come and save you (6X)
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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