

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Daniel 4:2-3

Pastor: It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.

People: How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders!

Together: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Our God, our Help in Ages Past

*1. Our God, our Help in ages past
Our Hope for years to come
Our Shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal Home*

*2. Under the shadow of Your throne
You saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is Your arm alone
And our defense is sure*

*3. Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting You are God
To endless years the same*

*4. A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun*

*5. Our God, our Help in ages past
Our Hope for years to come
O be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal Home*

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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.'

SONG OF CONFESSION Rock of Ages

(When the Day Seems Long)

*Solo: 1. Rock of Ages, when the day seems long
From this labor and this heartache, I have come,
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same,
Rock of Ages, I praise your name.*

*Rock of Ages, you have brought me near,
You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears
To make this stone heart come alive again,
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.*

*ALL: Chorus Rock of Ages. Rock of Ages.
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.
Rock of Ages, your will be done.*

*2. Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess,
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace,
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.*

*Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me.
Who am I that you would die to make me free?
To give me glory, you took the death and pain.
Rock of Ages, my Offering.
Chorus*

*3. Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried.
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied,
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands,
Rock of Ages, in faith I stand.*

*Rock of Ages, my great hope secure.
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul
Bind your children with cords of love and grace.
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.
Chorus 2X*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offences against you. You alone know how often we sin in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, Lord God, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done against you. Forgive our sins, and help us to walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Colossians 1:19-22

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him

SONG OF ASSURANCE Dearly We're Bought

*1. Come raise your thankful voice,
ye souls redeemed with blood;
leave earth and all its toys,
and mix no more with mud.*

*Chorus
Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood redeemed.
Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood,
Redeemed.*

*2. With heart, and soul, and mind,
exalt redeeming love;
Leave wordly cares behind,
and set your minds above.*

*3. Lift up your ravished eyes,
And view the glory given;
All lower things despised,
Ye citizens of heaven.
Chorus*

*4. Be to this world as dead,
Alive to that to come
Our life in Christ is hid,
who soon shall call us home.*

*Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood redeemed. (3x)*

*Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood,
Redeemed.
Redeemed*

Author: Joseph Hart (1712-1768)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING Be Thou My Vision

1. *Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart:
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

2. *Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

3. *Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

4. *High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

Authors: Craig Duncan & Michael Card

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SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 3:8-25

⁸ Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. ⁹ They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹ And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. ¹² There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰ And he ordered some of the

mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹ Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. ²² Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." ²⁵ He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

SERMON

"Godly Living in an Ungodly World"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

SONG OF RESPONSE

Narrow Little Road

1. *I believe in the love of God
It is an orphan's wildest dream
It is a narrow little road
It is an ever-widening desert stream*

Chorus

*Oh I, and I
I will leave this road, for the narrow
Oh I, and I
I will leave this road, for the narrow*

2. *It is portrayed in the bread and wine
Let it fortify my bones
It is more than just a sign
It is the fountain from that desert stone
Chorus*

3. *It is the path where the humble go
It is the narrow not the broad
It is the pathway down the hill
To the graveyard of the living God
Chorus*

4. *The Love of God is the hymn of hope
Let the needy join the throng
Let the widow hear and cope
Let the cripple rise to sing this song
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!

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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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