

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • JANUARY 22, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34:1-3

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me!

People: And let us exalt his name together!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

2. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

4. He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

His blood availed for me. (Repeat)

5. He speaks and list'ning to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

6. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap, ye lame, for joy

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 11:26-32

²⁶ "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known. ²⁹ And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. ³⁰ Are they not beyond the Jordan, west of the road, toward the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oak of Moreh? ³¹ For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you. And when you possess it and live in it, ³² you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the rules that I am setting before you today.

HYMN OF CONFESSION Heal Us, Emmanuel

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

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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CONFESSION OF SIN Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

People: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 4:7-8

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

SONG OF ASSURANCE 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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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF REFLECTION

Beatitudes

(Mercy Musicians)

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

*Blessed are the poorest ones for heaven comes to where they are in You, in You
Blessed are the ones who mourn for comfort comes to find them all in You, in You
Those who seek will be made right they will be filled and lifted high in You, in You
Blessed are the merciful for mercy will be shown to them by You, by You
Blessed are the ones who call Your name and blessed are the ones You save
O You bless the pure in heart, we will see our God, we will see our God
Those who long for making peace they will be called the children of our God,
of our God
Blessed are the meek for they receive the earth and all that's found in You, in You
Persecuted we will stand for our reward is heaven here and now
And still to come*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-5

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons^(a) of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

SERMON

"A Preamble for Christ's Disciples"

- Rev. Rob Edwards

SONG OF RESPONSE

As a Beggar, I Come to Thee

1. As a beggar, I come to Thee

As a beggar, I come to Thee

With empty hands, without one plea

As a beggar, I come to Thee

2. At Thy table I find a feast

At Thy table I find a feast

Here come the poor, the lame, the least

At Thy table I find a feast

3. Precious Savior, how can it be?

Precious Savior, how can it be?

Thine own dear blood was shed for me!

Precious Savior, how can it be?

4. All my days, Lord, Thy will be done

All my days, Lord, Thy will be done

Long I to see Thy kingdom come

All my days, Lord, Thy will be done

5. Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come

Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come

With lifted hearts, our prayer is sung,

Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come

With lifted hearts, our prayer is sung,

Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come

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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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