

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 5, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Colossians 1:19-20, 3:15-16

Pastor: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

People: For in him, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE All Creatures of Our God and King

Everyone:
All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Chorus
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Women:
Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,
Chorus (Everyone)

Men:
And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care
Chorus (Everyone)

Everyone:
Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
Chorus

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

PSALM OF PRAISE Psalm 62

(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for a children's Bible lesson during the last stanza. Visitor's children are welcome.)

1. My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

Chorus
O praise Him, hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting, never failing
My Redeemer, my God

2. Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven
Chorus

3. I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With every day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever
Chorus 2X

My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:9-12

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON "Does the Peace of Christ Rule our Hearts?"
-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

5. Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. And yet, rather than your peace ruling our hearts, we have pursued our own ease. You call us to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. But we have avoided the trouble of others, desiring a sanctuary for ourselves. Deliver us out of our self-centered security, that we might serve the purposes of your kingdom, despite the personal cost, as we look to your sacrifice on the cross for our sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 16:33

"In this world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

THE LORD'S SUPPER Beatitudes

1. 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

2. 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

Chorus

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

3. 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

Chorus 2X

4. Persecuted we will stand

For our reward is heaven here and now

And still to come

2015 Hillsong

It Is Well With My Soul

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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CLOSING SONG The Lamb Has Overcome

1. The Lamb has overcome

The Lamb has overcome

The battle's done and the victory is won

The Lamb has overcome

2. No grave could hold him down

No grave could hold him down

Up from the ground,

"He is risen!" was the sound

No grave could hold him down

3. At God's right hand is he

At God's right hand is he

Our Perfect Plea as he lives to intercede

At God's right hand is he

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Glory be unto his name (2x)

4. The table now is spread

The table now is spread

This wine and bread

Broken body and blood shed

The table now is spread

5. The day is drawing near

The day is drawing near

He shall appear

And will wipe away each tear

The day is drawing near

Chorus 2X

6. The Lamb has overcome

The Lamb has overcome

The battle's done and the victory is won

The Lamb has overcome

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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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