

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • MARCH 19, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Hebrews 13:12-15

Pastor: So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

People: **Therefore, let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.**

Pastor: For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

People: **Through him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF GATHERING

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Chorus
Rejoice and sing
to God, our Lord, our King.
Lift up and praise His name,
Alleluia, alleluia.

1. Come Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice
Before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!
Chorus

3. Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!
Chorus (twice)

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 52:13; 53:3-6

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

2. Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus
Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

3. Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree
Chorus

CONFESSION OF SIN Psalm 38:1-4, 21-22

Leader: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath!

People: **For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down upon me.**

Leader: There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

People: **For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.**

Leader: Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!

People: **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:10-11

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

SONG OF ASSURANCE Arise My Soul Arise

1. Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands
Before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands

Chorus
Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise my soul arise
Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

2. He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace
Chorus

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
Forgive him, O forgive they cry
Forgive him, O forgive they cry
Don't let that ransomed sinner die!
Chorus

4. My God is reconciled
His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry
Chorus 2X

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION How Great Thou Art

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

*1. Oh Lord My God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

Chorus

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
The sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

*2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Chorus*

*3. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!
Chorus 2X*

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:38-48

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

SERMON "How Far Will We Extend the Witness to God's Grace?"
- Rev. Rob Edwards

SONG OF RESPONSE Behold Our God/Holy Holy Holy

*Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.*

Chorus

*Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Men: You will reign forever
Women echo: (Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT 4X)
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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