

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • APRIL 2, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 43:1, 3-5, 7, 11, 25

Pastor: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you.

People: Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Pastor: I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. I, I am he, who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE 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 flame 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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READING FROM THE EPISTLES 2 Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-18

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

SONG OF LAMENT We are not Overcome

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

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| 1. Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away | Chorus
Because of His great Love,
We are not overcome!
Because of His great Love,
We are not overcome! |
| 2. Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust,
The Lord will make a place for us | 3. Have no fear for your life,
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!
Bear the yoke of love and death;
The Lord will give all life and breath
Chorus 2X |

*Author: Isaac Wardell
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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:19-34

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

SERMON "Questioning our Anxiety"
-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION Be Still My Soul

1. Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In every change, He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end
2. Be still, my soul! Thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below
3. Be still, my soul! When dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul! Thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.
4. Be still, my soul! The hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 118:4

Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

THE LORD'S SUPPER For the Bread Which You Have Broken

*1. For the bread which you have broken 3. With our sainted ones in glory,
For the wine which you have poured Seated at our Father's board,
For the words, which you have spoken May the Church that waits now for Thee
Now we give you thanks, O Lord Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*2. By this pledge that you do love us 4. In your service Lord defend us
By your gift of peace restored In our hearts keep watch and ward;
By your call to heaven before us In the world where'r you send us
Sanctify our lives, O Lord; May your kingdom come, O Lord
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May your kingdom come, O Lord*

REPEAT VERSE 1

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Isaiah 43

*1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
And the waves will not overcome you
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you
I have called you by name, you are mine*

Chorus

*Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women echo: I am the Lord your God)
I am the Lord your God*

I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior

Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women echo: I am the Lord your God)

I am the Lord your God

I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned

And the flames will not consume you

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you

I have called you by name, you are mine

Chorus

I am the Lord.

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SONG OF RESPONSE PSALM 27 - The Lord is My Light

*1. The Lord is my light and my salvation
The Lord is my light and my salvation
The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom shall I fear?*

Chorus:

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life,

Whom shall I fear?

*2. In the time of trouble, he shall hide me, oh
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me
Whom shall I fear?*

Chorus

*3. Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, oh
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
He shall strengthen thy heart.*

Chorus

The Lord is the strength

The Lord is the strength

The Lord is the strength of my life

Whom shall I fear?

Author: Lillian Bouknight

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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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