

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • MAY 21, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 59: 16-17

Pastor: *I will sing of your power; yes, I will sing aloud of your mercy in the morning*

People: *For you have been my defense and my refuge in the day of trouble*

Pastor: *To you, O my strength, I will sing praises*

People: *For God is my defense, My God of mercy*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. *A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our Helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient Foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.*

3. *And though this world with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed,  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him*

2. *Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be:  
Christ Jesus it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth His name,  
from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.*

4. *That word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever!*

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NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15:12-17

<sup>12</sup> *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.  
<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.  
<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.  
<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.*

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. *Jesus, what a friend for sinners  
Jesus, lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole*

Chorus

*Hallelujah what a Savior!  
Hallelujah what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.*

2. *Jesus, what a strength in weakness  
Let me hide myself in Him  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing  
He my strength, my victory wins  
Chorus*

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Lord, I stand before you in my trespass and sins, have mercy on me and may your goodness bring me to repentance. I often fail to love you, O Lord, with all of my soul and to love my neighbor as myself. Your call to self-sacrificial living is acknowledged with my mouth while still being far from my heart. My sin so often convinces me to live for my own pleasure and well-being. Rid my heart of this sin and break my sinful patterns, that I might live freely to Christ and love the world with more grace and mercy. I ask this for your glory O Lord, Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 85:9-13

<sup>9</sup> *Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. <sup>12</sup> Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.*

SONG OF ASSURANCE She Must and Shall Go Free

1. *Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood  
Hear and sing ye sons of God  
Justice satisfied indeed  
Christ has full atonement made*

2. *Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet  
Here all Deity can meet  
And without a jarring voice  
Welcome Zion to rejoice  
Welcome Zion to rejoice*

Chorus

*All her debts were cast on Me  
And she must and shall go free  
All her debts were cast on Me  
And she must and shall go free*

3. *Peace of conscience peace with God  
We obtain through Jesus' blood  
Jesus' blood speaks solid rest  
We believe and we are blest  
We believe and we are blest  
Chorus*

Bridge

*Should the law against her roar  
Jesus' blood still speaks with pow'r  
All her debts were cast on Me  
And she must and shall go free*

*And she must and shall go free*

Chorus

*And she must and shall go free  
And she must and shall go free  
And she must and shall go free*

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Music*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

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

1. *The love of Christ is rich and free  
Fixed on His own eternally  
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove  
Long as He lives, His own He'll love*

2. *His loving heart engaged to be  
Their everlasting surety  
'Twas love that took their cause in hand  
And love maintains it to the end.*

Chorus

*Love cannot from its post withdraw  
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law  
Can turn the Surety's heart away  
He'll love His own to endless day.*

3. *Love has redeemed His sheep with blood  
And love will bring them safe to God  
Love calls them all from death to life  
And love will finish all their strife*

4. *He loves through every changing scene,  
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean  
Not all the wanderings of her heart  
Can make His love for her depart  
Chorus*

5. *At death, beyond the grave, He'll love  
In endless bliss, His own shall prove  
The blazing glory of that love  
Which never could from them remove  
Which never could from them remove.*

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## SCRIPTURE READING I Samuel 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Then David fled from Naioth in Ramah and came and said before Jonathan, “What have I done? What is my guilt? And what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?”<sup>2</sup> And he said to him, “Far from it! You shall not die. Behold, my father does nothing either great or small without disclosing it to me. And why should my father hide this from me? It is not so.”<sup>3</sup> But David vowed again, saying, “Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he thinks, ‘Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.’ But truly, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death.”<sup>4</sup> Then Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you say, I will do for you.”<sup>5</sup> David said to Jonathan, “Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit at table with the king. But let me go, that I may hide myself in the field till the third day at evening.”<sup>6</sup> If your father misses me at all, then say, ‘David earnestly asked leave of me to run to Bethlehem his city, for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the clan.’<sup>7</sup> If he says, ‘Good!’ it will be well with your servant, but if he is angry, then know that harm is determined by him.<sup>8</sup> Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But if there is guilt in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?”<sup>9</sup> And Jonathan said, “Far be it from you! If I knew that it was determined by my father that harm should come to you, would I not tell you?”<sup>10</sup> Then David said to Jonathan, “Who will tell me if your father answers you roughly?”<sup>11</sup> And Jonathan said to David, “Come, let us go out into the field.” So they both went out into the field.

<sup>12</sup> And Jonathan said to David, “The LORD, the God of Israel, be witness! When I have sounded out my father, about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if he is well disposed toward David, shall I not then send and disclose it to you?”<sup>13</sup> But should it please my father to do you harm, the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also if I do not disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. May the LORD be with you, as he has been with my father.<sup>14</sup> If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the LORD, that I may not die;<sup>15</sup> and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.”<sup>16</sup> And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the LORD take vengeance on David’s enemies.”<sup>17</sup> And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

SERMON “The Friend of a King”  
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## HYMN OF ADORATION Oh, 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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## 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

*Mercy*  
Presbyterian Church

*“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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