

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • JULY 9, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145:1-7

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

All: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Christ, the true, the only Light
Sun of righteousness arise
Triumph o'er the shades of night
Dayspring from on high be near
Daystar in my heart appear*

*2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee
Joyless is the day's return
Till the mercy's beams I see
Till they inward light impart
Glad my eyes and warm my heart*

*3. Visit then this soul of mine
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief
Fill me Radiancy divine
Scatter all my unbelief
More and more thyself display
Shining to the perfect day*

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:3-11

³For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

HYMN OF CONFESSION More Love to Thee, O Christ

*1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.*

*2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best:
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.*

*3. Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;
Sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
When they can sing with me, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.*

*4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise,
This still its prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee, more love to thee.*

1869 Authors: Elizabeth P. Prentiss, William H. Doane

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious heavenly Father, our hearts long for a sense of significance and worth. How often our hearts have pursued this longing through running after approval, appearance, achievement, pleasure, and worldly goods. But again and again we discover that they are broken cisterns that cannot hold the water from which we yearn to drink. Forgive us for forsaking you, the fountain of living water from whom flows all significance and worth. In your marvelous grace grant us hearts that joyfully affirm, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you." In Jesus' precious Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Just As I Am

*1. Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*2. Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*3. Just as I am tho' tossed about
With many conflicts, many doubts
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need in Thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*5. Just as I am Thou will receive
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING **Great Are You Lord**

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

*1. You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord
Great are You Lord*

*2. You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord
Chorus 2X*

Chorus

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

Bridge

*All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord
REPEAT BRIDGE
Chorus 2X
Great are You Lord (4X)*

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SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 8**

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SERMON

"The Search for Significance"
- Rev. Andy Wood

HYMN OF RESPONSE 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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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

*"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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