

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 51:12-15

*Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit*

*People: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you*

*Pastor: Deliver me from my guilt, O God, O God of my salvation and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness*

*People: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

*1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.*

*2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.*

**Chorus**  
*My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace*

*3. The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures  
Chorus (2X)*

*4. When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.*

*Authors: Chris Tomlin | Edwin Othello Excell | John Newton | John P. Rees | Louie Giglio  
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NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:9-18

*<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.  
<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.  
<sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.  
<sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,  
<sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

*<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
<sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")  
<sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.  
<sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.  
<sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side,<sup>[1]</sup> he has made him known.*

HYMN OF PRAISE Psalm 19 - May the Words of My Mouth

*1. Oh, the heavens declare, the majestic glory of God  
The skies proclaim his works, along with all the earth  
Oh and day unto day, all creation pours out His word  
Night to night their voices are heard*

**Chorus**  
*You're my rock and my redeemer  
You're the reason that I sing  
I desire to be a blessing  
In Your eyes  
Every hour and every moment  
Lord I want to be Your servant  
I desire to be a blessing  
In Your eyes, in Your eyes*

*2. Oh, the law of the Lord, will our very spirits restore  
His precepts are right, His testimonies sure  
And the fear of the Lord,  
Offers sweetest wisdom to mankind  
His truth transcends the ages of time  
Chorus*

*May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You, my God*

*Authors: Shane Barnard and Shane Everett. Arr. Nate Fowler*

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Dear Lord, I confess that I am a sinner and so often I am ensnared by the idolatry of my heart. Even though I know you and know your commands and I see righteousness in your Son and I desire that righteousness, I confess that there is another power working in my heart. I do that which I do not want to do, and the righteousness I desire, I do not do. Lord put to death every ounce of sin within me and give me a new heart. Make me more like your Son Christ Jesus, and in the midst of my unfaithfulness continue to show your steadfast love, that the world may know there is a God who redeems broken vessels like me.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 55:1,3

*Come everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Incline your ear and come to me; hear that your soul may live and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.*

SONG OF ASSURANCE Never Once

*Standing on this mountaintop  
Looking just how far we've come  
Knowing that for every step  
You were with us*

*Kneeling on this battle ground  
Seeing just how much You've done  
Knowing every victory  
Was Your power in us*

*Scars and struggles on the way  
But with joy our hearts can say  
Yes, our hearts can say*

**Chorus**  
*Never once did we ever walk alone  
Never once did you leave us on our own  
You are faithful, God, You are faithful  
You are faithful, God, You are faithful*

*Kneeling on this battle ground  
Seeing just how much You've done  
Knowing every victory  
Was Your power in us*

*Scars and struggles on the way  
But with joy our hearts can say  
Yes, our hearts can say  
Chorus*

**BRIDGE**  
*Scars and struggles on the way  
But with joy our hearts can say  
Never once did we ever walk alone  
Carried by Your constant grace  
Held within Your perfect peace  
Never once, no, we never walk alone  
Chorus*

*Every step we are breathing in Your grace  
Evermore we'll be breathing out Your praise  
You are faithful, God, You are faithful  
You are faithful, God, You are faithful  
You are faithful, God, You are faithful*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERING**

**Beatitudes**

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

*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*

*Oh blessed are the ones who call Your name*

*And blessed are the ones You save*

*Oh 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*

**SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 12:15-25**

<sup>15</sup> Then Nathan went to his house. And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick. <sup>16</sup> David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. <sup>17</sup> And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. <sup>18</sup> On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us. How then can we say to him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm." <sup>19</sup> But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead." <sup>20</sup> Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. He then went to his own house. And when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate. <sup>21</sup> Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food." <sup>22</sup> He said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' <sup>23</sup> But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

<sup>24</sup> Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him <sup>25</sup> and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jediah, because of the LORD.

**SERMON**

**"Pain, Tragedy, and Grace. It's Complicated"**

**- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

**How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

*1. How deep the Father's love for us,*

*How vast beyond all measure*

*That He would give His only Son*

*To make a wretch His treasure!*

*How great the pain of searing loss,*

*The Father turns His face away*

*As wounds which mar the Chosen One*

*Bring many sons to glory!*

*2. Behold the Man upon the cross,*

*My sin upon His shoulders.*

*Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice*

*Call out among the scoffers.*

*It was my sin that held Him there*

*Until it was accomplished.*

*His dying breath has brought me life;*

*I know that it is finished.*

*3. I will not boast in anything,*

*No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.*

*But I will boast in Jesus Christ,*

*His death and resurrection.*

*Why should I gain from His reward?*

*I cannot give an answer,*

*But this I know with all my heart:*

*His wounds have paid my ransom!*

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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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