

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 53:5-6, 10

Pastor: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

People: **Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.**

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way;

People: **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all...**

Pastor: Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief;

All: **When his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE 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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NEW TESTAMENT READING John 10:11-18

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

HYMN OF RESPONSE The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want
(Psalm 23)

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

*1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want 2. He guides my ways in righteousness
He makes me lie in pastures green And He anoints my head with oil
He leads me by the still, still waters And my cup, it overflows with joy
His goodness restores my soul I feast on His pure delights
Chorus*

Chorus

*And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home*

*3. And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know
Chorus
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

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SCRIPTURE READING II Samuel 24:10-25

¹⁰ But David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly." ¹¹ And when David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, ¹² "Go and say to David, 'Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer you. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you.'" ¹³ So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, "Shall three years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider, and decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me." ¹⁴ Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man."

¹⁵ So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men. ¹⁶ And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. ¹⁷ Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was

striking the people, and said, "Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me and against my father's house."

¹⁸ And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." ¹⁹ So David went up at Gad's word, as the LORD commanded. ²⁰ And when Araunah looked down, he saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out and paid homage to the king with his face to the ground. ²¹ And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be averted from the people." ²² Then Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. ²³ All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you." ²⁴ But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. ²⁵ And David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

SERMON "What Is Spiritual Greatness?"
-Rev. Keith Peck

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
HYMN OF THANKSGIVING Thy Mercy, My God

*1. Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast*

*2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive*

*3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found*

*4. Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine
Hallelujah! (4X)*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we are self-righteous and proud, quick to judge others and reactive when others judge us,

People: But You love us with great mercy in Christ.

Pastor: We are easily angered when our desires are threatened, excusing our harsh & hurtful words,

People: But You love us with great mercy in Christ.

Pastor: We expect others to serve and meet our needs, while thinking little of meeting the needs of others,

People: But You love us with great mercy in Christ.

Pastor: We often think and act like foolish and selfish children questioning your loving goodness always at work in our lives,

People: But You love us with great mercy in Christ.

Pastor: We love the comforts and pleasures of this world vastly more than we love You as the portion and fullness of our lives,

People: But You love us with great mercy in Christ.

All: What marvelous, undeserved grace is freely ours each day. We praise you for the joy of our salvation and pray you would continue to free our hearts to celebrate your grace with free and joyful repentance. In Christ's Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 25:6-7

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

THE LORD'S SUPPER None Other Lamb

*1. None other Lamb, none other name
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea
None other hiding place from guilt and shame
None beside Thee*

*2. My faith burns low, my hope burns low
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe
Cries out to Thee*

Chorus

*None other Lamb, none other name
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea
None other hiding place from guilt and shame
None beside Thee*

*3. Lord Thou art life, though I be dead
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head
Nor home, but Thee*

Chorus 2X

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For the Bread Which You Have Broken

*1. For the bread which you have broken
For the wine which you have poured
For the words, which you have spoken
Now we give you thanks, O Lord*

*2. By this pledge that you do love us
By your gift of peace restored
By your call to heaven before us
Sanctify our lives, O Lord;
Sanctify our lives, O Lord*

*3. With our sainted ones in glory,
Seated at our Father's board,
May the Church that waits now for Thee
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*4. In your service Lord defend us
In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world where'r you send us
May your kingdom come, O Lord
May your kingdom come, O Lord
May your kingdom come, O Lord*

REPEAT VERSE 1

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SONG OF RESPONSE

*1. Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
And without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart*

Chorus

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh, God, how I need You*

*2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Chorus*

Lord, I Need You

*(Bridge)
So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
Chorus 2X
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

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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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