

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • AUGUST 20, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Romans 11:33-36

Leader: *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!*

People: **“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?”**

Leader: *For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. *Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.*

2. *Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.*

3. *Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole,
That wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.*

4. *Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave;
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.*

Authors: George Job Elvey & Matthew Bridges

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

⁹ For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious heavenly Father, I confess that I am focused on earthly matters rather than the things of heaven. I confess that I am often entangled with my sin and captivated with pleasures and things of this world. That I frequently gratify the flesh and serve and indulge my senses. That I cling to the things of this place which clouds my vision for the things of You. Lord forgive me for my nearsightedness and open the eyes of my heart that I might know the glorious riches of your mercy and the promise of everlasting life with Christ Jesus our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 43:25

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. *Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be*

Chorus
*Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me*

2. *Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love
Chorus*

3. *Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside
Chorus*

SONG OF PRAISE

1. *Oh I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
And You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone*

Chorus
*You're a good good Father, it's who You are,
It's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You, it's who I am,
It's who I am, it's who I am*

2. *Oh, and I've seen many searching
For answers far and wide
But I've known we're all searching
For answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word
Chorus*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

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

(Mercy Musicians only)
Chorus
*Oh great God of wrath and grace
You came down and took our place
Lamb of God, Who takes our sin away
Oh great Love! Oh great Love!*

1. *Alas, and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred Head
For such a worm as I?*

2. *Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!
Chorus*

Good, Good Father

Bridge
*You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
REPEAT BRIDGE*

3. *Oh this love so undeniable,
Father, so comforting
Peace so unexplainable,
Fortress you rescue me
And You call me deeper still
And You call me deeper still
And You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love
Chorus 3X*

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(Congregation joins in)
*3. Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in,
When God, the mighty maker, died
For man, the creature's, sin.
Chorus*

4. *Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes in tears.
Chorus*

*Oh great God of wrath and grace
You came down and took our place
Lamb of God, You take our sin away
Oh great Love! Oh great Love!
Oh great Love!*

Authors: Isaac Watts / Ralph Hudson
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SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 6:1-22

¹In the four hundred and eightieth year after the people of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, he began to build the house of the LORD. ²The house that King Solomon built for the LORD was sixty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and thirty cubits high. ³The vestibule in front of the nave of the house was twenty cubits long, equal to the width of the house, and ten cubits deep in front of the house. ⁴And he made for the house windows with recessed frames. ⁵He also built a structure against the wall of the house, running around the walls of the house, both the nave and the inner sanctuary. And he made side chambers all around. ⁶The lowest story was five cubits broad, the middle one was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad. For around the outside of the house he made offsets on the wall in order that the supporting beams should not be inserted into the walls of the house.

⁷When the house was built, it was with stone prepared at the quarry, so that neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was being built.

⁸The entrance for the lowest story was on the south side of the house, and one went up by stairs to the middle story, and from the middle story to the third. ⁹So he built the house and finished it, and he made the ceiling of the house of beams and planks of cedar. ¹⁰He built the structure against the whole house, five cubits high, and it was joined to the house with timbers of cedar.

¹¹Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon, ¹²“Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes and obey my rules and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. ¹³And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will not forsake my people Israel.”

¹⁴So Solomon built the house and finished it. ¹⁵He lined the walls of the house on the inside with boards of cedar. From the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood, and he covered the floor of the house with boards of cypress. ¹⁶He built twenty cubits of the rear of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the walls, and he built this within as an inner sanctuary, as the Most Holy Place. ¹⁷The house, that is, the nave in front of the inner sanctuary, was forty cubits long. ¹⁸The cedar within the house was carved in the form of gourds and open flowers. All was cedar; no stone was seen. ¹⁹The inner sanctuary he prepared in the innermost part of the house, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. ²⁰The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty cubits high, and he overlaid it with pure gold. He also overlaid an altar of cedar. ²¹And Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold, and he drew chains of gold across, in front of the inner sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold. ²²And he overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished. Also the whole altar that belonged to the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold.

SERMON

“The Greatness of God: David’s Legacy”

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE Jesus Shall Reign

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run
His kingdom spread from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more

2. For Him shall endless prayer be made
And praises throng to crown His head
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice

3. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blessed

5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeats the loud amen

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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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