

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 68:4, 18-20, 32-33, 35

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD.

People: Exult before him!

Leader: You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts from among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

People: Blessed be the Lord who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

Leader: Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

People: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord.

Leader: To him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

HYMN OF PRAISE Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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| 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. | 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. |
| 2. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name. | His blood availed for me. (Repeat) |
| 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. | 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 |

PRAYER OF ADORATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 16:13-19

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

HYMN OF PREPARATION Jesus with Thy Church Abide

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

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| 1. Jesus with Thy church abide
Be her Savior Lord and Guide
While on earth her faith is tried
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us | 3. May she one in doctrine be
One in truth and charity
Winning all to faith in Thee
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us |
| 2. Keep her life and doctrine pure
Grant her patience to endure
Trusting in Thy promise sure
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us | 4. May she guide the poor and blind
Seek the lost until she find
And the broken-hearted bind
We beseech Thee hear us
We beseech Thee hear us |

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:1-16

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men."

⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Leader: Faith comes from hearing.

People: And hearing through the word of Christ

SERMON "How Jesus Cares for the Church:
A Work of Grace in which we Participate"
-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF RESPONSE The Church's One Foundation

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| 1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life, He died | 3. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation,
Of peace for evermore.
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest. |
| 2. Elect from ev'ry nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy Name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued | 4. Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy
Lord give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with Thee. |

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we are reconciled by your grace, joined together in your Son. Yet we confess how deeply sin divides, and how quickly we depart from the path of peace. You call us to humility, gentleness, and patience. We must confess our pride, that we are full of self-concern, and unforgiving. We treat one another as burdens, rather than bearing with one another in love. Forgive us, and continue to bear with us, we pray! And work your grace into our hearts, that your love for us may shape our fellowship with one another.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Colossians 1:13-14

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Behold the Lamb

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal,
The death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

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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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HYMN OF RESPONSE How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress."

4. "When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine."

5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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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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