

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 133

Pastor: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robe!

Pastor: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion

People: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Praise God (Doxology)

*1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
In heav'n above, and earth below.
Praise God the Father and the Son.
Praise God the Spirit, three in one.*

*2. From all that dwell beneath the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Let our Redeemer's name be sung,
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.*

*3. Eternal are Your mercies Lord.
Eternal truth attends Your Word.
Your praise will sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

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READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 2:42-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

HYMN OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

(to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee")

*1. God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.*

*2. Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.*

*3. But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.*

*4. God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.*

Authors: Words - David Clowney, 1960 / Music - Ludwig van Beethoven

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and loving Lord, you call us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Yet we grieve your Spirit through sins that separate us from one another. We confess the ways we have hindered the growth of your church, through pride, anger, malice, keeping records of wrongs, and refusing to forgive. Remind us of your great grace to us so that we might live thankful lives together. And increase our faith, with confidence that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 John 4:10-11

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 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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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In Christ Alone

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

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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READING OF THE WORD

Colossians 3:1-17

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON

"Jesus Cares for the Church in Community"

- Rev. Rob Edwards

SONG OF RESPONSE

Your Great Name We Praise

1. Immortal, invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most holy, most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise

2. Unresting, unchanging
And silent as light
Not wanting or wasting
You rule us in might
Your justice like mountains
High soaring above
Your clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

CHORUS

Most Holy, Most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise

3. All life comes from You Lord
To both great and small
In all life You live Lord,
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish,
But quickly grow frail
We wither and perish,
But You never fail.
Chorus

4. Great Father of glory,
Pure Father of light
Your angels adore You
All veiling their sight
All praise we will render
Oh Father of grace
Till one day in splendor
We see face to face.
Chorus 2X

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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!

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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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