

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 1, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 102:25-27; Hebrews 13:8

Pastor: Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

People: They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

Pastor: You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end.

All: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE O God, our Help in Ages Past

1. O God, our Help in ages past
Our Hope for years to come
Our Shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal Home

4. A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

2. Beneath the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is Your arm alone
And our defense is sure

5. O God, our Help in ages past
Our Hope for years to come
O be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal Home

3. Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting You are God
To endless years the same

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 18:15-18; 34:10-12

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.’¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,¹¹ none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land,¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you are the Son of Man, come to sow God's word. Yet like the seed that falls on the hardened path, it finds no purchase; like the seed that falls on rocky ground, it takes no root; like the seed that falls among thorns, it is crowded out by other cares. We confess that often this is true of your word in our lives. And so we pray for ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to receive what you have spoken. And that by your Spirit, we may bear the fruit of what you have planted, in our lives and throughout the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE How Firm a Foundation

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

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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SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 1:1-3a

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON “One Last Word”
-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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*

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Speak, Oh Lord

1. *Speak, O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory*

2. *Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see*

3. *Speak, O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

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There Is A Hope

1. *There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part, yet drives all doubt away.
I stand in Christ with sins forgiv'n and Christ in me the hope of heav'n.
My highest calling, and my deepest joy, to make His will my home*

2. *There is a hope that lifts my weary head;
A consolation, strong against despair
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Savior there.
Through present suff'rings, future's fear, He whispers courage in my ear;
For I am safe in everlasting arms, and they will lead me home.*

3. *There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine, when I behold His face.
When suff'rings cease, and sorrows die, and ev'ry longing satisfied;
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, for I am truly home.*

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HYMN OF RESPONSE Nothing But the Blood

1. *What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Chorus

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

2. *For my cleansing this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my pardon this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus*

3. *Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus*

4. *This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
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!

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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