

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 26, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:1-3, 5-6

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name. Make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

People: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF GATHERING Come Christians Join to Sing

Chorus

Rejoice and sing
to God, our Lord, our King.
Lift up and praise His name,
Alleluia, alleluia.

1. Come Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice
Before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!
Chorus

3. Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!
Chorus (twice)

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 22:1-18

¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. As a beggar, I come to Thee
As a beggar, I come to Thee
With empty hands, without one plea
As a beggar, I come to Thee

2. At Thy table I find a feast
At Thy table I find a feast
Here come the poor, the lame, the least
At Thy table I find a feast

3. Precious Savior, how can it be?
Precious Savior, how can it be?
Thine own dear blood was shed for me!
Precious Savior, how can it be?

As a Beggar, I Come to Thee

4. All my days, Lord, Thy will be done
All my days, Lord, Thy will be done
Long I to see Thy kingdom come
All my days, Lord, Thy will be done

5. Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come
Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come
With lifted hearts, our prayer is sung,
Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come
With lifted hearts, our prayer is sung,
Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come

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CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

HYMN OF ASSURANCE What Wondrous Love

1. What wondrous love is this
O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

2. When I was sinking down
Sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

Chorus
What wondrous love is this (4X)

3. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme I will sing
While millions join the theme I will sing
Chorus

4. And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing his love for me
And thro' eternity I'll sing on
And thro' eternity I'll sing on
Chorus (6X)

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING He Will Hold Me Fast

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

*1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast:
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold: He must hold me fast.*

Chorus

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

*2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
Chorus*

*3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
"Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!
Chorus 2X*

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SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 6:13-20

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself; ¹⁴ saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." ¹⁵ And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶ For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. ¹⁷ So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON " "

- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN 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!

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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