

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 3, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 73:25-28

*Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.*

*People: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

*Leader: For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.*

*People: But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.*

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. And 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 Come Thou Fount

*1. Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's unchanging love*

*2. Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious Blood*

*3. Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above*

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Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above*

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:31-39

*<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> 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? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,*

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

*<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION Cornerstone

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

*1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus name*

*2. His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay*

CHORUS

*Christ alone; cornerstone  
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all*

*3. When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil  
Chorus*

*4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
Chorus 2X*

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SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 6:19-20; 7:11-28

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

*Pastor: Faith comes from hearing*

*People: And hearing through the word of Christ.*

SERMON “Intense Pastoral Counseling  
Never, Ever Forget Jesus Your High Priest”  
-Rev. Keith Peck

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF RESPONSE I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*1. I heard the voice of Jesus say  
Come unto Me and rest  
Lay down thou weary one  
Lay down thy head upon My breast  
I came to Jesus as I was  
So weary and worn and sad  
I found in Him a resting place  
And He has made me glad*

*All ye who labor,  
Are you weary heavy laden  
Come unto me and rest you'll receive  
For my yoke and my burden are light*

*2. I heard the voice of Jesus say  
Behold I freely give  
The living water thirsty one  
Stoop down and drink and live  
I came to Jesus and I drank  
Of that life giving stream  
My thirst was quenched my soul revived  
And now I live in Him*

*All ye who labor,  
Are you weary heavy laden  
Come unto me and life you'll receive  
For my yoke and my burden are light*

*3. I heard the voice of Jesus say  
I am this dark world's Light  
Look unto Me thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
In Him my Star my Sun  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till travelling days are done  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
In Him my Star my Sun  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till travelling days are done*

*All ye who labor,  
Are you weary heavy laden  
Come unto me and light you'll receive  
For my yoke and my burden are light  
Come unto me and rest you'll receive  
For my yoke and my burden are light*

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Merciful God, we confess our wandering hearts that so often are dissatisfied & discontent with You as our portion, seeking the better this world can provide. Even though we again and again experience that we have dug broken cisterns that cannot hold water, we continue our quest. Forgive us for exalting this world's better over the better hope, the better covenant you have given us in Christ, our perfect High Priest. Grant that our hearts would be increasingly enthralled by the beauty and wonder of your great salvation and our great Savior that we might say with the Psalmist, "there is nothing on earth I desire besides you... God is my portion forever."*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON      Romans 8:33-34

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<sup>34</sup> *Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*

## THE LORD'S SUPPER      Upon a Life I Have Not Lived

*1. Upon a life I have not lived,  
Upon a Death I did not die,  
Another's Life; Another's Death:  
I stake my whole eternity.*

*2. Not on the tears which I have shed;  
Not on the sorrows I have known:  
Another's tears; Another's griefs:  
On these I rest, on these alone.*

**Chorus**  
*O Jesus, Son of God, I build on  
What Thy cross has done for me  
There both my life and death I read,  
My guilt, and pardon there I see.  
There I see.*

*3. Lord, I believe; O deal with me  
As one who has Thy Word believed!  
I take the gift, Lord, look on me  
As one who had Thy gift received.  
Chorus*

*4. Upon a life I have not lived,  
Upon a Death I did not die,  
Another's Life; Another's Death:  
I stake my whole eternity.  
Chorus (2X)*

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## Jesus, Thank You

*1. The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend, The agonies of Calvary.  
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.*

**Chorus**  
*Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You.  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.  
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You.*

*2. By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.  
Your enemy You've made Your friend.  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.  
Chorus*

*(BRIDGE)  
Lover of my soul, I want to live for You. (Sing 4X)*

*Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You.  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.  
Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You.  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.  
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You.*

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## HYMN OF RESPONSE      Isaiah 43

*1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you  
And the waves will not overcome you  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name, you are mine*

**Chorus**  
*Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women echo: I am the Lord your God)  
I am the Lord your God  
I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior  
Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women echo: I am the Lord your God)  
I am the Lord your God  
I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior  
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)  
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)  
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)  
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)*

*2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned  
And the flames will not consume you  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name, you are mine  
Chorus  
I am the Lord.*

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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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