

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 31, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:1-3, 7-8

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

People: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen

HYMN OF PREPARATION This I Believe (The Creed)

1. Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior

Chorus

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus

2. Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life, forever seated high
Chorus

I believe in You, I believe You rose again. I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy church
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again. For I believe in the name of Jesus
Chorus

For I believe in the name of Jesus. For I believe in the name of Jesus

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 35:1-21

Moses assembled all the congregation of the people of Israel and said to them, "These are the things that the LORD has commanded you to do. ² Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on it shall be put to death. ³ You shall kindle no fire in all your dwelling places on the Sabbath day."

⁴ Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. ⁵ Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze; ⁶ blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen; goats' hair, ⁷ tanned rams' skins, and goatskins; acacia wood, ⁸ oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, ⁹ and onyx stones and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

¹⁰ "Let every skillful craftsman among you come and make all that the LORD has commanded. ¹¹ the tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; ¹² the ark with its poles, the mercy seat, and the veil of the screen; ¹³ the table with its poles and all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; ¹⁴ the lampstand also for the light, with its utensils and its lamps, and the oil for the light; ¹⁵ and the altar of incense, with its poles, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; ¹⁶ the altar of burnt offering, with its grating of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its stand; ¹⁷ the hangings of the court, its pillars and its bases, and the screen for the gate of the court; ¹⁸ the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court, and their cords; ¹⁹ the finely worked garments for ministering in the Holy Place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests."

²⁰ Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. ²¹ And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

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.

In Christ Alone

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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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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CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord I am not yet deterred from all created glory, honor, wisdom, and esteem of others, for I have a secret motive in all that I do. Let me not only speak about sin, but see and know the thing itself. Let me know that while my sins are crucified, they are never wholly mortified and draw me to constant repentance. Destroy O God, the darkness within and remind me often of your faithful love and grace toward me, which alone can subdue the risings of sin in me. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Revelation 21:22-27

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore You
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before You
Opening to the sun--- above!

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore You
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before You
Opening to the sun above
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light--- of day!

2. All Your works with joy surround You
Earth and Heaven reflect Your ways
Stars and angels sing around You
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice--- in Thee!

3. You are giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blessed
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy--- divine!

4. Mortals join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song--- of life!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING Jesus, Thank You

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

*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.*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 11:37-44

³⁷ While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. ³⁸ The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹ And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

⁴² "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ⁴³ Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴ Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON

"Generous Giving"
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

*2. Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast Thou not seen,
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*3. Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.*

*4. Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

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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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