

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • JANUARY 28, 2018 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103: 1-4, 11-12

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

Pastor: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

People: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Behold Our God/Holy Holy Holy

*Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.*

Chorus

*Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come let us adore Him!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Men: You will reign forever
Women echo: (Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT 4X)
Chorus 2X*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 7:22-26; 31:31-34

²² For in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, I did not speak to your fathers or command them concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. ²³ But this command I gave them: 'Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.' ²⁴ But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and the stubbornness of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. ²⁵ From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day. ²⁶ Yet they did not listen to me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

HYMN OF CONFESSION

*1. I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still*

*2. But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace
Chorus*

All I Have is Christ

Chorus

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life
(REPEAT)*

*3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You
Chorus 3X*

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CONFESSION OF SIN Psalm 51:1-3, 8-10, 12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

People: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

People: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 6:38-40

For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE She Must and Shall Go Free

*1. Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood
Hear and sing ye sons of God
Justice satisfied indeed
Christ has full atonement made*

*2. Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet
Here all Deity can meet
And without a jarring voice
Welcome Zion to rejoice
Welcome Zion to rejoice*

Chorus

*All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free
All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free*

*3. Peace of conscience peace with God
We obtain through Jesus' blood
Jesus' blood speaks solid rest
We believe and we are blest
We believe and we are blest
Chorus*

Bridge

*Should the law against her roar
Jesus' blood still speaks with pow'r
All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free*

*And she must and shall go free
Chorus 2X*

*And she must and shall go free
And she must and shall go free
And she must and shall go free*

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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.)*

*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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SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 10:1-18

¹For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ²Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," ¹⁷then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON

"Pursuing Perfection"

- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*1. Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai 's flame.
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.*

*2. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store,
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Has secured our way to God.*

*3. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.*

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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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