

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • APRIL 1, 2018 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 16:8-11

Pastor: I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

Pastor: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

People: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness and joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

All Glory, Laud and Honor

*1. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest
The King and Blessed One!*

*2. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our prayer and praise and anthems
Before Thee we present
To Thee before Thy Passion*

*They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise*

*3. Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
(repeat)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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

*1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply. Alleluia!*

*2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise: Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

*3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save: Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise: Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, ⁵ like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON "A Personal and Compelling Interest in the Resurrection"
-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Man of Sorrows

*1. Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid*

*2. Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowling to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns*

Chorus

*Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee*

*3. Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree
Chorus*

Bridge

*Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on
me*

*Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
REPEAT
Chorus*

*4. See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave
Chorus*

*Praise and honour unto Thee
Praise and honour unto Thee*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, your death and resurrection remind us of our great need, the guilt of our sin, and the judgment we deserve. As we consider your suffering, we are convicted of the ways we treat sin lightly, as though it were a small matter. Your death and resurrection, however, tell a different story. Forgive us for taking your grace for granted, when it was secured at such great cost. And fill us also with the joy of your salvation, in the wonder of your mercy, secured by Christ Jesus, who though he knew no sin, was made sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:17

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

THE LORD'S SUPPER The Power of the Cross

1. Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus

This the pow'r of the cross. Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross

2. Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow
Chorus

3. Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry
Chorus

4. Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us
What a love, what a cost, we stand forgiven at the cross
REPEAT

In Christ Alone

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.

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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HYMN OF RESPONSE Jesus Has Risen

1. Jesus has risen, He has risen indeed
Jesus has spoken His name for all our needs
Jesus is walking full of wounds and full of grace
Turn to this Redeemer, His blood to make your place

Chorus: Men: He is risen (women: Alleluia...)
Men: He is reigning (Alleluia...)
Men: He is ruling (Alleluia...)
Men: He is King of Kings (Alleluia...)

Repeat All

2. Let the echoes of the empty tomb rise up in our praise
Let the shadows of the empty cross remind us He is raised.
Let the fervent prayers of the gathered saints urge us in the fight
Let the peace of Christ when spoken out fill us with His might.

Chorus

Jesus has risen, He has risen indeed

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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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