

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • MAY 6, 2018 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103: 1, 8, 10, 22

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

People: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

All: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD O my soul!

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 10,000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Chorus

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Chorus 2X

(ENDING)

I'll worship Your holy name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

HYMN OF PREPARATION This is My Father's World

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

1. This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

2. This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

3. This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father's world
The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heaven be one!
This is my Father's world
The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heaven be one!

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON "This Harvest Cannot Be Hindered"
-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKS We Are Not Overcome

1. Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

2. Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust,
The Lord will make a place for us

Chorus

Because of His great Love,
We are not overcome!
Because of His great Love,
We are not overcome!

3. Have no fear for your life,
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!
Bear the yoke of love and death;
The Lord will give all life and breath
Chorus 2X

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you have appointed us to bear fruit, and that our fruit should abide. Yet you remind us that we are but branches. You are the vine. And we cannot bear fruit without abiding in you. We confess that apart from you, the works of our flesh abound: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, enmity, strife, fits of anger, and things like these. And yet we long for the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And so we pray for your gracious pruning. Cut away what is dead and does not produce fruit, and grow in us what is pleasing to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 3:9

No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Speak Oh Lord

*1. Speak, O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory*

*Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief*

*2. Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see*

*3. Speak, O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

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There Is A Hope

*1. There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part, yet drives all doubt away.
I stand in Christ with sins forgiv'n and Christ in me the hope of heav'n.
My highest calling, and my deepest joy, to make His will my home*

*2. There is a hope that lifts my weary head;
A consolation, strong against despair
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Savior there.
Through present suff'rings, future's fear, He whispers courage in my ear;
For I am safe in everlasting arms, and they will lead me home.*

*3. There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine, when I behold His face.
When suff'rings cease, and sorrows die, and ev'ry longing satisfied;
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, for I am truly home.*

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Solid Rock

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

Chorus

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil,
Chorus*

*3. 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*

*4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Chorus (twice)*

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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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