

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • MAY 20, 2018 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP **Philippians 4:4, 6-7**

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

People: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.

Pastor: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF GATHERING

*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
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*

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*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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OLD TESTAMENT READING **Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**

¹ I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. ² I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" ³ I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. ⁴ I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. ⁵ I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. ⁶ I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. ⁷ I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. ⁸ I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man.

⁹ So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰ And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. ¹¹ Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

*1. Come raise your thankful voice,
ye souls redeemed with blood;
leave earth and all its toys,
and mix no more with mud.*

*2. With heart, and soul, and mind,
exalt redeeming love;
Leave wordly cares behind,
and set your minds above.*

*Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood redeemed.
Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood,
Redeemed.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, though the evil one offered you the kingdoms of the world and all their glory, you faithfully served your Father, and established an everlasting kingdom through your death and resurrection. Therefore, you call us to lay up treasures for ourselves not on earth, but in heaven, reminding us that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. Yet we confess that our hearts are often set on what is of this age rather than the age to come. We are discontent when we should be full of gratitude for the many signs of your abundant grace. We are envious, when we should be seeking your kingdom and its righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. And renew us, that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for you, who for our sake died and was raised.

Dearly We're Bought

*3. Lift up your ravished eyes,
And view the glory given;
All lower things despised,
Ye citizens of heaven.*

*4. Be to this world as dead,
Alive to that to come
Our life in Christ is hid,
who soon shall call us home.*

*Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood redeemed.
(3x)*

*Dearly we're bought, highly esteemed;
Redeemed with Jesus' blood,
Redeemed. Redeemed*

Author: Joseph Hart (1712-1768)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **2 Corinthians 8:9**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE **And Can It Be**

*1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me*

*2. He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me*

*3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me*

*4. No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th' eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

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

1. *Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,
All for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,
All for love's sake becamest poor.*

2. *Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising
Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for love's sake becamest man.*

3. *Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Saviour and King, we worship thee.
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*Words: Frank Houghton (1894-1972)
Music: Quelle Est Cette Odeur Agréable*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:44-46 and Luke 12:13-21

Matthew 13

⁴⁴ *"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

⁴⁵ *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

Luke 12

¹³ *Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.' ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON

"The Joyful Response of Kingdom Repentance"

- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE Be Thou My Vision

1. *Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart:
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

2. *Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

3. *Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

Chorus

O God be my everything, be my delight

Be Jesus, my glory, my soul satisfied

REPEAT CHORUS

4. *High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Chorus 2X

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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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