

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • JULY 22, 2018 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Micah 7:18-20

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

People: He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

Leader: He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

People: You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham,

All: As you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE 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 love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies.

Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He presents our souls to God

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down.

For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
He who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

4. 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.

5. 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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NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 4:25-27, 29-32

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

May the Words of My Mouth
(Psalm 19)

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You
May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God

You're my rock and my redeemer
You're the reason that I sing
I desire to be a blessing
In Your eyes
Every hour and every moment
Lord I want to be Your servant
I desire to be a blessing
In Your eyes, in Your eyes
REPEAT ALL

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God

Authors: Shane Barnard & Shane Everett

CONFESSON OF SIN

Gracious and loving Lord, you call us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Yet we grieve your Spirit through sins that separate us from one another. We confess the ways we have hindered the growth of your church, through pride, anger, malice, keeping records of wrongs, and refusing to forgive. Remind us of your great grace to us so that we might live thankful lives together. And increase our faith, with confidence that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

1. Alas and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred Head
For such a worm as I?

2. Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Chorus

Oh great God of wrath and grace
You came down and took our place
Lamb of God, Who takes our sin away
Oh great Love! Oh great Love!

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut His glories in,
When God, the mighty maker, died
For man, the creature's, sin.

Chorus

4. Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes in tears.

Chorus

Oh great God of wrath and grace
You came down and took our place
Lamb of God, You take our sin away
Oh great Love! Oh great Love!
Oh great Love!

Authors: Isaac Watts / Ralph Hudson
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION Great Are You Lord

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

1. You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord
Great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

2. You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord
Chorus

Bridge

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord
REPEAT BRIDGE
Chorus 2X
Great are You Lord (4X)

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HYMN OF RESPONSE 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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SCRIPTURE READING Mark 3:1-6

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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!

"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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

POSTLUDE

SERMON

"The Anger of Jesus"

- Rev. Doug Hart

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