

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Ezekiel 34:11-16

Pastor: For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep.

People: **And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land.**

Pastor: There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

People: **I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF GATHERING Brethren We Have Met To Worship

1. Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

2. Brethren, see poor sinners 'round you
Slumb'ring on the brink of woe;
Death is coming, hell is moving
Can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers
And our children sinking down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

3. Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners
Who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior
Tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.

4. Let us love our God supremely,
Let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners
Till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven,
At His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us
With sweet manna all around
With sweet manna all around

Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God, your wrath has been revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness, through which we have suppressed the truth. That which can be known about you is plain to us because you have shown it to us. Your invisible attributes have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in all of creation. You have revealed yourself to us in your Son Jesus Christ and we are all without excuse. And yet, often we fail to truly honor you as God or give thanks to you. Forgive us Lord for our neglect and negligence in our worship. Hear us, despite our brokenness. May our worship and praise be pleasing to you, through your son Christ Jesus. Amen.

HYMN OF CONFESSION The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still, still waters
His goodness restores my soul

Chorus
And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

2. He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup, it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights
Chorus

3. And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me,
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know
Chorus
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 118:21-24

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE How Great Thou Art

1. Oh Lord My God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Thee sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Chorus

3. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!
Chorus 2X

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

1. We will not be burned by the fire. He is the LORD our God

We are not consumed, by the flood. Upheld, protected, gathered up

Chorus

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Chorus

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the Faithful one

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus 2X

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SCRIPTURE READING John 6:1-15

¹ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denari worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON "Sheep without a Shepherd" - Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE Praise God (Doxology)

1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

In heav'n above, and earth below.

Praise God the Father and the Son.

Praise God the Spirit, three in one.

2. From all that dwell beneath the skies,

Let the Creator's praise arise.

Let our Redeemer's name be sung,

Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.

3. Eternal are Your mercies Lord.

Eternal truth attends Your Word.

Your praise will sound from shore to shore,

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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*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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