

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 119:81, 89-90, 105, 111, 132

Leader: *My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word*

People: *Forever, O LORD, your word is fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations.*

Leader: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

People: *Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.*

All: *Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.*

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 18:15-22

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'²¹ And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'—²² when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

HYMN OF CONFESSION Psalm 19 - May the Words of My Mouth

1. Oh, the heavens declare, the majestic glory of God
The skies proclaim his works, along with all the earth
Oh and day unto day, all creation pours out His word
Night to night their voices are heard

Chorus

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

2. Oh, the law of the Lord, will our very spirits restore
His precepts are right, His testimonies sure
And the fear of the Lord, offers sweetest wisdom to mankind
His truth transcends the ages of time

Chorus

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

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you tell us that on the day of judgment, we will give account for every careless word we speak. And so we come to seek forgiveness, for we have said much, and where words are many, transgression is not lacking. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may put away falsehood and instead speak the truth in love. Rather than corrupting talk, fill us with wisdom to speak words that build others up, as fit the occasion, and give grace to those who hear. And as we worship you in Spirit and in truth, conform our lives more and more to your likeness, to the praise of your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Luke 7: 48, 50

"And he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'"

HYMN OF ASSURANCE How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress."

4. "When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine."

5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Georgia Cassidy Mason

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

*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
So weary, 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*

*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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SCRIPTURE READING 2 Peter 1:16-2:3

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

¹ But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON "Resistance to the Spirit's Work" - Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE Come, Thou Almighty King

*1. Come, thou Almighty King
Help us thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious
O'er all victorious
Come and reign over us
Ancient of Days*

*2. Come, Holy Comforter
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art
Now rule in every heart
And ne'er from us depart
Spirit of power*

*3. Come, thou Incarnate Word
Gird on thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and thy people bless
And give thy Word success
Spirit of holiness
On us descend*

*4. To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see
And to eternity
Love and adore*

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BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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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