

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 21, 2018 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63:1-5

Pastor: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Pastor: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

People: My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

*1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

*2. Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast Thou not seen,
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*3. Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper
Thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.*

*4. Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:24-27

24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 3:3-8

3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

HYMN OF CONFESSION

*1. I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and every grace
Might more of His salvation know
And seek more earnestly His face*

*2. 'Twas He who taught me thus to pray
And He I trust has answered prayer
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair*

*3. I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request
And by His love's constraining pow'r
Subdue my sins and give me rest*

*4. Instead of this He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart
And let the angry pow'rs of hell
Assault my soul in every part*

I Asked the Lord

*5. Yea more with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed
Cast out my feelings, laid me low*

*6. Lord why is this, I trembling cried
Wilt Thou pursue Thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied
"I answer prayer for grace and faith."*

*7. These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou may'st seek Thy all in me
That thou may'st seek Thy all in me*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, by the mighty work of your Holy Spirit You have replaced our heart of stone with a new heart, given us new birth, made us a new creation that we might glorify your marvelous grace in lives of joyful worship & obedience. Yet, too often we continue to live as if the old "man" is the real me. We find ourselves stuck in patterns of sin, idolatry and unbelief which we allow to define and rule us. Forgive us for doubting and denying the wonder of Your supernatural work of new life in us. We are not what we will be. We are not what we want to be. But still we are not what we once used to be. Grant that the working of the Holy Spirit would continue to give shape and character to our new heart, for the glory of God our Savior and His Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

She Must and Shall Go Free

*1. Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood
Hear and sing ye sons of God
Justice satisfied indeed
Christ has full atonement made*

*2. Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet
Here all Deity can meet
And without a jarring voice
Welcome Zion to rejoice
Welcome Zion to rejoice*

Chorus
*All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free
All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free*

*3. Peace of conscience peace with God
We obtain through Jesus' blood
Jesus' blood speaks solid rest
We believe and we are blest
We believe and we are blest
Chorus*

Bridge
*Should the law against her roar
Jesus' blood still speaks with pow'r
All her debts were cast on Me
And she must and shall go free*

*And she must and shall go free
Chorus 2X*

*And she must and shall go free
And she must and shall go free
And she must and shall go free*

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hezekiah Justus Lionel Fowler

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION **How Sweet & Awesome**

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

1. *How sweet and awesome is the place
With Christ within the doors
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores*

5. *Pity the nations, O our God
Constrain the earth to come
Send Thy victorious Word abroad
And bring the strangers home*

2. *While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues
Lord why was I a guest?*

6. *We long to see Thy churches full
That all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul
Sing Thy redeeming grace*

3. *Why was I made to hear Thy voice
And enter while there's room
When thousands make a wretched choice
And rather starve than come?*

*While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues
"Lord, why was I a guest?"*

4. *'Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in
Else we had still refused to taste
And perished in our sin*

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SCRIPTURE READING **Titus 2:11-3:8**

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

¹⁵ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

¹ Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. ³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸ The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON "A New You...A New Life" - Rev. Keith Peck

HYMN OF RESPONSE **Nothing But the Blood**

1. *What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Chorus
*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

2. *For my cleansing this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my pardon this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*
Chorus

3. *Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*
Chorus

4. *This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*
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!

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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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