

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Musicians:**

1. Come Thou long-expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the saints Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness  
He whose glories knew no end  
By His life He brings us gladness  
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend  
Leaving riches without number  
Born within a cattle stall  
This the everlasting wonder  
Christ was born the Lord of all

**Congregation join:**

2. Joy to those who long to see thee  
Dayspring from on high appear  
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse  
Of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing  
News, Glad tidings of a birth  
"Go to him, your praises bringing  
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

4. Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1-3

**Pastor:** Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**People:** For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples.

**Pastor:** But the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

**People:** And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMNS OF PRAISE

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.

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.

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.

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The Solid Rock

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Chorus**

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil,  
Chorus

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
Chorus (twice)

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NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup> No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

CONFESSION OF SIN Psalm 38:1-4, 15, 18, 21-22

**Leader:** O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me.

**People:** There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

**Leader:** For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

**People:** I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

**Leader:** Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!

**People:** Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 43

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you  
And the waves will not overcome you  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine

**Chorus**

Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women echo: I am the Lord your God)  
I am the Lord your God. I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior  
Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women echo: I am the Lord your God)  
I am the Lord your God. I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior  
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)  
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)  
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)  
Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned  
And the flames will not consume you  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine  
Chorus  
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Beams of Heaven

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

1. Beams of heaven as I go,  
Through the wilderness below,  
Guide my feet in peaceful ways,  
Turn my midnights into days.  
When in the darkness I would grope,  
Faith always sees a star of hope,  
And soon from all life's grief and danger  
I shall be free someday.  
I shall be free someday, I'll be free,

3. Harder yet may be the fight;  
Right may often yield to might;  
Wickedness a while may reign;  
Satan's cause may seem to gain.  
But there's a God that rules above  
With hand of power and heart of love;  
And if I'm right, he'll fight my battle,  
I shall have peace someday.  
I shall have peace someday, I'll have peace.

2. Often times my sky is clear,  
Joy abounds without a tear;  
Though a day so bright begun,  
Clouds may hide tomorrow's sun.  
There'll be a day that's always bright,  
A day that never yields to night,  
And in its light the streets of glory  
I shall behold someday.  
I shall behold someday, I'll behold,

4. Burdens now may crush me down,  
Disappointments all around;  
Troubles speak in mournful sigh,  
Sorrow through a tear-stained eye.  
There is a world where pleasure reigns,  
No mourning soul shall roam its plains,  
And in that land of peace and glory  
I shall be home someday.  
I shall be home someday.  
I shall be home someday.  
I shall be home someday, I'll be home.

**SCRIPTURE READING    Romans 8:16-30**

<sup>16</sup> *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,* <sup>17</sup> *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

<sup>18</sup> *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.* <sup>19</sup> *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.* <sup>20</sup> *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope* <sup>21</sup> *that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.* <sup>22</sup> *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.* <sup>23</sup> *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.* <sup>24</sup> *For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?* <sup>25</sup> *But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

<sup>26</sup> *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.* <sup>27</sup> *And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.* <sup>28</sup> *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.* <sup>29</sup> *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.* <sup>30</sup> *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD    Romans 10:17**

*Pastor: Faith comes from hearing*

*People: And hearing through the word of Christ.*

**SERMON                    “Waiting to be Adopted”**  
**- Rev. Bryan Rigg**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE    He Will Swallow Up Death**

*1. The whole of nature groans with longing,  
We ache for that promised glory  
Still we rejoice because we know  
Plans formed of old, faithful and sure*

*2. The whole of nature groans with longing;  
We wait for that promised glory  
Still we rejoice because we know  
Our sorrow’s end is coming*

**Chorus**  
*He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces  
He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces  
We’ll sing: “This is our God we’ve waited for and he saved us!”  
He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces*

*3. Here in the darkness of our mourning;  
We wait for the Light that’s coming  
And on that day we will return  
With joy and gladness singing:  
Chorus*

*Behold, your God. He will come and save you (6X)  
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**



*“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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