

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 18, 2018 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 68:4, 18-20, 32-33, 35

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

People: You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts from among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

People: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens.

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel – he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION All Creatures of our God and King

*Everyone: All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,*

Chorus: O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Women: Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,
Chorus (Everyone)*

*Men: And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care
Chorus (Everyone)*

*Everyone: Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
Chorus*

READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 17:20-23

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

HYMN OF CONFESSION Abide with Me

*1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.*

*2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.*

*3. I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.*

*4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.*

*5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, we are reconciled by your grace, joined together in your Son. Yet we confess how deeply sin marks our way, and how quickly we depart from the path of peace. You call us to humility, gentleness, and patience. We must confess our pride, that we are callous, and unforgiving. We treat one another as burdens, rather than bearing with one another in love. Forgive us, and continue to bear with us, we pray! And work your grace into our hearts, by your Spirit, that your love for us may shape our fellowship with one another.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Arise, My Soul Arise

*1. Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands
Before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands*

*2. He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace*

Chorus

*Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise my soul arise
Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

*3. Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
Forgive him, O forgive they cry
Forgive him, O forgive they cry
Don't let that ransomed sinner die!*

*4. My God is reconciled
His pardoning voice I hear
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry
Chorus 2X*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION **The Church's One Foundation**

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

<i>1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord She is His new creation By water and the Word From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride With His own blood He bought her And for her life, He died</i>	<i>3. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war She waits the consummation, Of peace for evermore. Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blessed And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.</i>
<i>2. Elect from ev'ry nation Yet one o'er all the earth Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth One holy Name she blesses Partakes one holy food And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued</i>	<i>4. Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won, O happy ones and holy Lord give us grace that we, Like them the meek and lowly On high may dwell with Thee.</i>

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SCRIPTURE READING **Ephesians 4:1-16**

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

*"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men."*

⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,^[e] to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON **"Life in the Spirit: Maintenance Required"** - Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE **O God, our Help in Ages Past**

*1. O God, our Help in ages past
Our Hope for years to come
Our Shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal Home*

*2. Beneath the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is Your arm alone
And our defense is sure*

*3. A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun*

*4. O God, our Help in ages past
Our Hope for years to come
O be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal Home*

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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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