

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147:1, 5-6, 10-11

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: For it is good to sing praises to our God.

Leader: For it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Leader: The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

People: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man.

ALL: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

HYMN OF ADORATION All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.  
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4. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

HYMN OF PRAISE Psalm 27

(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for a children's Bible lesson during the last stanza.  
Visitors' children are welcome.)

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation  
The Lord is my light and my salvation  
The Lord is my light and my salvation  
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus:

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life,  
Whom shall I fear?

2. In the time of trouble, he shall hide me,  
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me  
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me  
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus:

3. Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,  
He shall strengthen thy heart.

Chorus:

The Lord is the strength  
The Lord is the strength  
The Lord is the strength of my life  
Whom shall I fear?

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SCRIPTURE READING Mark 5:1-20

<sup>1</sup> They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup> And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. <sup>3</sup> He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, <sup>4</sup> for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. <sup>6</sup> And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before

him. <sup>7</sup> And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." <sup>8</sup> For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" <sup>9</sup> And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." <sup>10</sup> And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup> Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, <sup>12</sup> and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." <sup>13</sup> So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

<sup>14</sup> The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup> And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup> And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. <sup>17</sup> And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. <sup>18</sup> As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup> And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup> And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON "From Fear to Faith"  
- Ben Spivey

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF CONFESSION We Are Not Overcome

1. Flesh will fail and bones will break  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake  
Night will fall, the light will fade  
The Lord will give and take away

2. Put no trust in the earth  
In the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust,  
The Lord will make a place for us

**Chorus**  
Because of His great Love,  
We are not overcome!  
Because of His great Love,  
We are not overcome!

3. Have no fear for your life,  
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
The Lord will give all life and breath  
Chorus 2X

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Almighty God and most gracious Father, we confess that we have not trembled at your presence, but instead have presumed upon your grace. We have not marveled at your glory, and have shown contempt for your kindness. We confess that we have not lamented over the suffering and sorrow of the cross, but have assumed the privileges of the Son of God as though a simple matter. In your steadfast love, forgive us, we pray. And cause us to come humbly into your presence in worship, with thanksgiving for the grace and mercy you give us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON I John 4:15

*Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.*

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### 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.*

*Author: Stuart Townend  
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### How Deep The Father's Love For Us

*1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He would give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure!  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory!*

*2. Behold the Man upon the cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life;  
I know that it is finished.*

*3. I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom!*

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## HYMN OF RESPONSE 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  
I am the Lord.*

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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

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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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