

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Hebrews 13:12-15

Leader: So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

People: Therefore, let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

Leader: For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

All: Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION Cornerstone

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

2. 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

Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all

3. When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil
Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Chorus 2X

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:11-14

11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. I know the Lord is nigh
And would but cannot pray
For Satan meets me when I try
And frights my soul away
And frights my soul away

2. I would but can't repent
Though I endeavor oft
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus

Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, you tell us in this world we will have trouble. Yet, we confess, the trials we face cause us to question your love, rather than confirming to us the truth of your word. Though you have revealed your purpose, to conform us into the image of your Son, who suffered before entering his glory, we resist your will and seek comfort and ease rather than patiently awaiting the return of Christ and the resurrection of the dead. Yet, though we are faithless, you remain faithful! Teach us endurance, we pray, that we might live with Christ Jesus, our Lord!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Corinthians 1:21-24

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious Blood

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Great God

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

1. O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

2. I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joy
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

3. Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me

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SCRIPTURE READING James 1:1-12

¹ James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass^{cl} he will pass away.¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON "What's Required to Be Wise"
- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

*1. My faith has found a resting place
Not in device or creed
I trust the ever-living One
His wounds for me shall plead*

Chorus
*I need no other argument
I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died
And that He died for me*

*2. Enough for me that Jesus saves
This ends my fear and doubt
A sinful soul I come to Him
He'll never cast me out
Chorus*

*3. My great Physician heals the sick
The lost He came to save
For me His precious blood He shed
For me His life He gave
Chorus
It is enough that Jesus died
And that He died for me*

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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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