

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 3, 2019 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103:1-2, 8, 10, 22

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

Minister: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND 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

Chorus
Rejoice and sing
to God, our Lord, our King.
Lift up and praise His name,
Alleluia, alleluia.

1. Come Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice
Before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, Christians Join to Sing

2. Come lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!
Chorus

3. Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!
Chorus (twice)

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 13:1-9

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

HYMN OF PRAISE

For The Beauty of the Earth

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

1. For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Chorus
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and tree and flower
Sun and moon, and stars of light
Chorus

(WOMEN ONLY)
3. For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Chorus

(MEN ONLY)
4. For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heaven
Chorus

(EVERYONE)
5. For Thy church which evermore
Lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love
Chorus

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SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:19-27

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON

"The Awareness Wisdom Requires"

-Rev. Rob Edwards

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HYMN OF THANKS Psalm 19 - May the Words of My Mouth

1. Oh, the heavens declare, the majestic glory of God
The skies proclaim his works, along with all the earth
Oh and day unto day, all creation pours out His word
Night to night their voices are heard

Chorus
You're my rock and my redeemer, you're the reason that I sing
I desire to be a blessing, in Your eyes.
Every hour and every moment, Lord I want to be Your servant
I desire to be a blessing, in Your eyes, in Your eyes

2. Oh, the law of the Lord, will our very spirits restore
His precepts are right, His testimonies sure
And the fear of the Lord, offers sweetest wisdom to mankind
His truth transcends the ages of time
Chorus

May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, with the Apostle Paul, we can say: "I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing." We take comfort in these words, recorded in Scripture, inspired by you. Yet, as those forgiven in Christ Jesus, we long for the new life produced by your Spirit. And so we pray, as those made alive by the Spirit, lead us to set our minds on the things of the Spirit, that we might experience more of the life that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

THE LORD'S SUPPER Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love,
My deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Behold the Lamb

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.
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HYMN OF RESPONSE How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress."

4. "When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine."

5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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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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