

**MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 17, 2019 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 65:1, 5; Matthew 5:16**

Pastor: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

People: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth.

Pastor: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN **This I Believe (The Creed)**

1. Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Savior

Chorus

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.
For I believe in the name of Jesus

2. Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life,
Forever seated high
Chorus

I believe in You, I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy church
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus
Chorus
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Westminster Confession of Faith, 16-2**

Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

HYMN OF CONFESSION **By Grace Alone**

1. Out of the depths I cry to You,
Lord hear my voice of pleading;
Bend down Your gracious ear, I pray,
Your humble servant heeding.
If You remember each misdeed,
And of each thought and word take heed,
Who can remain before You:
Only by grace, by grace alone.

2. Your pardon is a gift of love,
Your grace alone must save us,
Our works will not remove our guilt,
The strictest life would fail us.
Let none in deeds or merits boast,
But let us own the Holy Ghost
For He alone can change us:
Only by grace, by grace alone.

3. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our kind and faithful Shepherd He,
Who will set all His people free
From all their sin and sorrow:
Only by grace, by grace alone.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, you have secured our salvation in Christ Jesus, your Son. And you call us examine ourselves, to see whether we are in the faith. We are to test ourselves, as those who have Christ Jesus dwelling within us. And so, we pray, that you would direct our attention to those indicators of genuine faith: rejoicing, comforting one another, seeking restoration, living in peace, as those who know that the love and peace of God are with us. Forgive us for where these are lacking. And invigorate us by your Spirit to pursue these with confidence, as those within whom you are working, that we might will and work for your good pleasure.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Ephesians 2:8-10**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE **Come Ye Sinners**

1. Come ye sinners poor and needy Weak and wounded sick and sore Jesus ready stands to save you Full of pity, love, and pow'r	3. Let not conscience make you linger Nor of fitness fondly dream All the fitness He requires Is to feel your need of Him
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Chorus

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O, there are ten thousand charms

2. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

4. Come, ye weary, heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all
Chorus (2X)

Words by Joseph Hart;
Music: Traditional American Melody; Walkers
Southern Harmony, 1835

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION My Jesus I Love Thee

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

1. My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies, of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

2. I love Thee because Thou has first loved me
And purchased my pardon, on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

3. I'll love Thee in life, and I'll love Thee in death
I'll praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

4. In mansions of glory, and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now
My Jesus 'tis now

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SCRIPTURE READING James 2:14-26

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON

“A Faith that Works”
- Rev. Rob Edwards

SONG OF RESPONSE Let Your Kingdom Come

1. Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.
The cross has saved us, so we pray,
“Your kingdom come.”

Chorus

Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done!
So that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
till Your sovereign work on earth is done.

Let Your kingdom come!

2. Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.
By grace, we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath.
Chorus 2X

Let Your kingdom come!
Let Your kingdom come!

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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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