

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 24, 2019 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP I Chronicles 16:23-37

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.

People: **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

Pastor: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

People: **For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.**

All: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

1. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest
The King and Blessed One!

2. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our prayer and praise and anthems
Before Thee we present
To Thee before Thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise

All Glory, Laud and Honor

3. Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
(repeat)

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 12:33-37

³³“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. ³⁶I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, ³⁷for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue,
Its noblest tribute bring.
When He's the subject of the song,
Who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face,
And on His glories dwell,
Think of the wonder of His grace,
And all His triumphs tell.

2. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned,
Upon His awful brow.
His head with radiant glories crowned,
His lips with grace o'erflow;
No mortal can with Him compare,
Among the sons of men,
And fairer He than all the fair,
That fill the heavenly train.

3. He saw me plunged in deep distress,
He fled to my relief.
For me He bore the shameful cross,
And carried all my grief;
His hand a thousand blessings pours,
Upon my guilty head.
His presence gilds my darkest hours,
And guards my sleeping bed.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful Father, when it comes to how we speak to one another, your word gives a bottom line – the treasure in our hearts will overflow in the stream of our words. The main issue with our words isn't tongue control, but heart fullness. For Christ's sake, forgive this week's stream of aggravated, compassionless, manipulating, demanding, gossipy, angry, careless and mercy-void words. But that isn't enough. Forgive us for our idolatrous heart that worships our pride, our rights, and so easily justifies the damage left in the wake of our words. By the power of your Holy Spirit, please continue to make Jesus the great treasure of our hearts that our words would overflow from hearts shaped by His grace, love, gentleness, patience, kindness and self-control. In Jesus' grace-filled Name we pray. Amen.

To Christ The Lord

4. To Him I owe my life and breath
And all the joys I have.
He makes me triumph over death
And saves me from the grave;
To heaven the place of His abode,
He brings my weary feet,
Shows me the glories of my God
And makes my joy complete.

5. Since from His bounty I receive
Such proofs of love divine,
Had I a thousand hearts to give,
Lord, they would all be Thine.
A thousand men could not compose
A worthy song to bring,
Yet Your love is a melody
Our hearts can't help but sing.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

HYMN OF ASSURANCE O Worship the King

1.O worship the King all glorious above.
And gratefully sing His power and His love.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2.O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space
Whose chariots of wrath, the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3.Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4.Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend

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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Nancy Borsay	Logan Dickey
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Chris Miller	Sydney Miller
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Claira Moss	Ana Schepens
Dan Schepens	Grace Schepens
John Schepens	William Schepens
Kirstin Spivey	Ethan Zehr

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION **Great Are You Lord**

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

1. You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken Great are You, Lord Great are You, Lord	2. You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken Great are You, Lord Chorus 2x
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Chorus
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge
All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord
REPEAT BRIDGE 2x
Chorus 2x
Great are You Lord (4x)

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SCRIPTURE READING **James 3:1-12**

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD **Romans 10:17**

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON **"Wisdom for Your Words"** - Rev. Keith Peck

HYMN OF RESPONSE **O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing**

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.	4. He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.
2. My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.	His blood availed for me. (8x)
3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace ...	5. He speaks and list'ning to his voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.
	6. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb Your loosened tongues employ Ye blind behold your Savior come And leap ye lame for joy

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Arranged by Kurt Alber
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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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