

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Exodus 6:2-3, 6-7

Leader: God spoke to Moses and said to him,

People: **“I am the LORD, I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty,**

Leader: But by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. ”Say therefore to the people of Israel,

People: **“I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians,**

Leader: And I will deliver you from slavery to them,

People: **And I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgement.**

Leader: I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God,

All: **And you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

1. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
Nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning,
And his purposes shall end.

2. Happy is the man that chooses
Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing
On the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,
Seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression,
Righteousness He will maintain.

3. Food He daily gives the hungry,
Sets the mourning prisoner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish,
Makes the sightless eyes to see,

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
And the stranger He befriends,
Helps that fatherless and widow,
Judgment on the wicked sends.

4. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever,
Through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, your God, O Zion,
Joyful hallelujahs sing.

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

1 Corinthians 10:1-12

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. Speak, O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

2. Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see

Speak O Lord

Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

3. Speak, O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from “Valley of Vision: Yet I Sin”

Eternal Father, You are good beyond all thought, but I am vile, wretched, miserable, and blind. My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to you; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it. Unmask to me sin's deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. My faculties have been a weapon of revolt against you; as a rebel I have misused my strength, and served the foul adversary of your kingdom. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry “pardon”. Work in me more profound and abiding repentance. Grant that through tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:4-6

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

HYMN OF ASSURANCE The Solid Rock

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

Chorus

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil,
Chorus

3. 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

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
Chorus (twice)

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION Only A Holy God

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

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

2. What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus
Come and behold Him, The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

3. What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God
Chorus 2X
(Interlude)

4. Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God
Chorus 2X

Come and worship the Holy God
(Interlude)
Chorus

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SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 1:1-4

¹The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, ²"Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, by clans, by fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male, head by head. ³From twenty years old and upward, all in Israel who are able to go to war, you and Aaron shall list them, company by company. ⁴And there shall be with you a man from each tribe, each man being the head of the house of his fathers.

SERMON "The Wilderness: An Introduction to Numbers" - Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand 3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
And cast a wishful eye Can reach that healthful shore
To Canaan's fair and happy land Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Where my possessions lie Are felt and feared no more

2. All o'er those wide extended plains Chorus
Shines one eternal day 4. When shall I reach that happy place
There God, the Son forever reigns And be forever blest
And scatters night away When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest

Chorus

I am bound (women echo) Chorus
I am bound (women echo) We are bound (women echo)
I am bound for the promised land We are bound (women echo)
I am bound (women echo) We are bound for the promised land
I am bound (women echo) We are bound (women echo)
I am bound for the promised land We are bound (women echo)
We are bound for the promised land

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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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