

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • JULY 28, 2019 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness.

People: **Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the Lord Himself is God.**

Leader: It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

People: **Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; His loving kindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
And triumph ever more

Refrain

Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Jesus the Savior reigns
The God of truth and love
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above
Refrain

Rejoice, the Lord is King

3. His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heav'n
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n
Refrain

4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home
Refrain 2X

*Authors: Words by Charles Wesley;
Music by John Darwall
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NEW TESTAMENT READING John 3:1-15

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. Beams of heaven as I go,
Through the wilderness below,
Guide my feet in peaceful ways,
Turn my midnights into days.
When in the darkness I would grope,
Faith always sees a star of hope,
And soon from all life's grief and danger
I shall be free someday.
I shall be free someday, I'll be free,

2. Often times my sky is clear,
Joy abounds without a tear;
Though a day so bright begun,
Clouds may hide tomorrow's sun.
There'll be a day that's always bright,
A day that never yields to night,
And in its light the streets of glory
I shall behold someday.
I shall behold someday, I'll behold,

Beams of Heaven

3. Harder yet may be the fight;
Right may often yield to might;
Wickedness a while may reign;
Satan's cause may seem to gain.
But there's a God that rules above
With hand of power and heart of love;
And if I'm right, he'll fight my battle,
I shall have peace someday.
I shall have peace someday, I'll have peace.

4. Burdens now may crush me down,
Disappointments all around;
Troubles speak in mournful sigh,
Sorrow through a tear-stained eye.
There is a world where pleasure reigns,
No mourning soul shall roam its plains,
And in that land of peace and glory
I shall be home someday.
I shall be home someday.
I shall be home someday.
I shall be home someday, I'll be home.

*Authors: Words - Charles Albert Tinley (ca 1906);
Music - Will Wingate (2012)*

CONFESSION OF SIN (adapted from The Valley of Vision):

O God of Grace, You have imputed my sin to my substitute, and have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin. I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness. I am always saying, 'Father, forgive me' and you are always bringing forth the best robe. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 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 2X
It is enough that Jesus died
And that He died for me

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN **Jesus Paid It All**

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

1. I hear the Savior say
"Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all"

Chorus
Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone
Chorus

3. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

(BRIDGE)
Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
(REPEAT 4X)

Chorus
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

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Music*

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21:1-9

¹ When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive. ² And Israel vowed a vow to the LORD and said, "If you will indeed give this people into my hand, then I will devote their cities to destruction." ³ And the LORD heeded the voice of Israel and gave over the Canaanites, and they devoted them and their cities to destruction. So the name of the place was called Hormah.

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

SERMON "A Picture of Man's Ruin and God's Remedy" - Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE **There is a Fountain**

1. There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains

2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away

3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream, your flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die

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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

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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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