

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Colossians 1:13–18

Pastor: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

People: **In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

People: **For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth—all things were created through him and for him.**

Pastor: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: **And he is the head of the body, the church.**

All: **He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne. Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare. Come let us adore Him

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds
Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign
Chorus

(Bridge)

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth) (Repeat 2X)

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill)

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:8-15

⁸Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!
⁹All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true. ¹⁰“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. ¹¹I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. ¹²I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and I am God. ¹³Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?” ¹⁴Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “For your sake I send to Babylon and bring them all down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice. ¹⁵I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”

HYMN OF CONFESSION

By Thy Mercy

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heav'n Thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore Thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:

2. From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hard'ning pow'r of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within.

Chorus

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

3. When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's pow'r,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.

4. When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.
Chorus

5. In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.

6. In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on Thee relying, find Thee still our Rock and Stay.
Chorus 2X

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Lord Jesus, you declare, “Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

People: **We confess that we are consumed with the riches of this age.**

Leader: “Blessed are those who mourn.”

People: **But we pursue immediate pleasures.**

Leader: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.”

People: **And yet we are satisfied with lesser things.**

Leader: “Blessed are the merciful.”

People: **But we are unkind and quickly condemn.**

Leader: “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.”

People: **And yet we live for the approval of others.**

All: **Continue your work in us, and conform us to your image, that we might live for your kingdom.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together”, says the LORD: “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Nothing But the Blood

1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

2. For my cleansing this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my pardon this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus

3. Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus

4. This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus 2X

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION **The Church's One Foundation**

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

1. The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the Word
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life, He died

2. Elect from ev'ry nation
Yet one o'er all the earth
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy Name she blesses
Partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace ended

3. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation,
Of peace for evermore.
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

4. Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy
Lord give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly
On high may dwell with Thee.

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SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 1:1-11**

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me;⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

SERMON

"The Non-Negotiables"
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE **How Great Thou Art**

Chorus

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

1. Oh Lord My God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Chorus

2. And when I think that God , His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Chorus

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art
Chorus 2X

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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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