

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP I Peter 2:4-5, 9

Leader: As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house.

Congregation: To be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Leader: That you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

1. Man of sorrows Lamb of God  
By His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
Has been on Jesus laid

2. Silent as He stood accused  
Beaten mocked and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will  
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation  
Where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelujah  
Praise and honour unto Thee

3. Sent of heaven God's own Son  
To purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones  
Who nailed Him to that tree  
Chorus

Man of Sorrows

Bridge

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full  
By the precious blood  
That my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin has no hold on  
me  
Whom the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
REPEAT  
Chorus

4. See the stone is rolled away  
Behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah God be praised  
He's risen from the grave  
Chorus  
Praise and honour unto Thee  
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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 28:14-18a

<sup>14</sup>Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers, who rule this people in Jerusalem!  
<sup>15</sup>Because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement, when the overwhelming whip passes through it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter"; <sup>16</sup>therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.' <sup>17</sup>And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plumb line; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the shelter."  
<sup>18</sup>Then your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand;

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. Jesus, lover of my soul  
Let me to Thy bosom fly  
While the nearer waters roll  
While the tempest still is high  
Hide me O my Savior, hide  
Till life's storm is past  
Safe into the haven guide  
Receive my soul at last

2. Other refuge have I none  
I helpless hang on Thee  
Leave, oh! leave me not alone  
Still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on Thee is stayed  
All help from Thee I bring  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

CONFESSION OF SIN 1 Timothy 1:15-17

<sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 10:11-13

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want  
More than all in Thee I find  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind  
Just and holy is Thy name  
I am all unrighteousness  
False and full of sin I am  
Thou art full of truth and grace

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found  
Grace to cover all my sin  
Let the healing streams abound  
Make and keep me pure within  
Thou of life the fountain art  
Let me take of Thee  
Spring Thou up within my heart  
For all eternity

Jesus, lover of my soul  
Let me to Thy bosom fly

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HYMN OF ASSURANCE It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Chorus  
It is well with my soul  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

2. Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Chorus

3. My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul. Chorus

4. And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so it is well with my soul. Chorus 2X

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION Cornerstone

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

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus name

2. 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

Christ alone; cornerstone. Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

3. When Darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil  
Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
Chorus 2X

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## SCRIPTURE READING Acts 4:1-22

<sup>1</sup>And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

<sup>13</sup>Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup>But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. <sup>15</sup>But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, <sup>16</sup>saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup>But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” <sup>18</sup>So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup>But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, <sup>20</sup>for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” <sup>21</sup>And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup>For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

SERMON “The Battle Plans of the Enemy”  
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## HYMN OF RESPONSE How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”
3. “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.”
4. “When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”
5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.  
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.

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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

*Mercy*  
Presbyterian Church

*“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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