

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Congregation: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me.

Congregation: **And let us exalt his name together!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

1. Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

2. Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed Be Your Name

3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say
Chorus

(BRIDGE)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name
REPEAT
Chorus 2X

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 97

¹The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! ²Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. ³Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around. ⁴His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. ⁵The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. ⁶The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. ⁷All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods! ⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD. ⁹For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. ¹⁰O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. ¹¹Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. ¹²Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. Guide me O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven
Feed me now and evermore.
Bread of Heaven
Feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still
My strength and shield.
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still
My strength and shield.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.

Ending:

Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Bid my anxious fears ...
Bid my anxious fears ...
Land me safe on Canaan's side,
Bid my anxious fears ...
Bid my anxious fears **(Repeat all)**
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye.

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CONFESSION OF SIN Psalm 25

Leader: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been of old.

Congregation: **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

Leader: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Congregation: **For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

Leader: Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Thy Mercy, My God

1. Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here,
Sin would reduce me to utter despair.
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart.
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

4. Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION Psalm 126-Although We Are Weeping

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

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laughter.
Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

Chorus

Although we are weeping, Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy!

2. The nations will say "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!
Chorus 2X

All those who sew weeping will go out with songs of joy!

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SCRIPTURE READING Acts 14:8-28

⁸Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well,^[a] ¹⁰said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵"Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." ¹⁸Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²²strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

²⁴Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸And they remained no little time with the disciples.

SERMON

"Engaging the Unbelieving Heart"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE 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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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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