

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 8, 2019 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP **Luke 2:14, Colossians 3:15**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

Congregation: **And on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!**

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

Congregation: **And be thankful.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

1. O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels;

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels;
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
Chorus

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Genesis 3:12-15**

¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Though the nations rage,
Kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King
Reigning over all.
So I will not fear
For this truth remains:
That my God, is the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

None above Him, none before Him,
All of time in His hands,
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.
All the power all the glory,
I will trust in His name,
For my God is the Ancient of days.

2. Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul,
He is here with me,
I am not alone.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in Heaven, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We are born according to the course of nature and are conceived and brought forth in iniquity. We are filled with evil inclinations from our mothers' wombs and are unable to truly comprehend and follow Christ. Though our sin has been passed to us from our first parents, we are no less guilty of it. It is our own sin and we would be rightly condemned if not for your love and the atonement of your son, Christ Jesus. Hear us as we confess our sin and make us feel our desperate need for you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Revelation 12:10-12a**

¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them!”

Ancient of Days

O His love is sure,
And He knows my name,
For my God is the Ancient of Days.
Chorus

(Interlude)

3. Though I may not see
What the future brings,
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour King.
Then my joy complete,
Standing face to face,
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.
Chorus
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

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HYMN OF ASSURANCE **Oh Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)**

1. We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears,
And the God of mercy came and brought us near.

2. We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness we were slaves to sin and blame.
And we cried out in our labor to the only one who hears,
And the God of mercy wiped away our tears.

Chorus

Oh give thanks to the LORD for His love endures for-ever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

3. We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then He heard of our con-dition, and He called us by our names,
And the God of glory took a-way our shame!

Chorus

4. We were far out on the ocean, making wealth and chasing dreams.
But the waves of great destruction brought us tremb'ling to our knees.
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only one who hears,
And the God of comfort took away our tears.

Chorus 2X

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming

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

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloo-ming from . . . tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage com-ing, as . . . men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, . . .
A-mid the cold of win-ter, when . . . half spent was the night.

2. I-saiah 'twas foretold it, the . . . Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the . . . virgin mo-ther kind.
To show God's love aright, . . .
She bore to me a Sa-vior, when . . . half spent was the night.

3. The shepherds heard the sto-ry pro- . . . claimed by an-gels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glo-ry was . . . born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped . . .
And in the manger found Him, as . . . angel her-alds said.

4. This Flow'r, whose fragrance ten-der with . . . sweetness fills the air,
Di-spels with glorious splen-dor the . . . darkness ev-'rywhere;
True Man, yet very God, . . .
From sin and death He saves us, and . . . lightens ev-'ry load.

5. O Savior, Child of Ma-ry, who . . . felt our hu-man woe;
O Savior, King of glo-ry, who . . . dost our weak-ness know;
Bring us at length we pray, . . .
To the bright courts of Hea-ven, and . . . to the end-less day!

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SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 11:19-12:6

¹⁹Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

¹ And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. ⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁶ and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

SERMON “The Promise Fulfilled”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE Our God, our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come.
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal Home.

2. Under the shadow of Your throne
You saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is Your arm alone
And our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame.
From everlasting You are God
To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening gone.
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5. Our God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come.
O be our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal Home.

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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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