

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34:2-3

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord!

People: Let the humble hear and be glad!

Leader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me!

People: And let us exalt his name together!

HYMN OF ADORATION

May The Peoples Praise You

1. You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ.

2. May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife,
With boundless love and deepest joy,
With endless life.

Chorus

May the peoples praise You,
Let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus!

3. All the earth is Yours and all within,
Each harvest is Your own.
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known.

4. May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard.
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word.

Chorus

5. This our holy priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name;
To every nation, tribe and tongue,
Your church proclaims

Chorus

(Bridge)

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty;
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty;
All creation praise Your glorious Name!
Chorus 2X

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 40:4-13

⁴Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. ⁶In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. ⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: ⁸I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." ⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know,

O LORD. ¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. ¹¹As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! ¹²For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. ¹³Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Heal Us, Emmanuel!

Chorus

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are;
We long to feel Thy touch.
Deep, wounded souls to Thee we fly;
O, Savior hear our cry.

1. Our faith is feeble, we confess,
We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!
Chorus

2. Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief:
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried;
"O help my unbelief!"
Chorus

3. She, too, who touched you in the press,
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace;
Thy faith has made thee whole."
Chorus

4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home,
Send none unhealed away.
Chorus

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and Glorious God, you alone deserve to be exalted! And yet we flatter ourselves. Though called to count others more significant, we confess we are blinded by self-love. Our arrogance is expressed in insolence toward others. In our desire to excel, we imagine that we do not belong to the common lot. Instead of seeking your kingdom, with great ambition we pursue our own ends. And so we plead for you to pluck these evils from our hearts by their roots. In the power of your Holy Spirit, lead us in humility and gentleness, with patience, that we might bear with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE She Must and Shall Go Free

1. Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood. Hear and sing, ye sons of God.
Justice satisfied, indeed; Christ has full atonement made.

2. Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet. Here all Deity can meet,
And without a jarring voice, welcome Zion to rejoice,
Welcome Zion to rejoice.

Chorus

All her debts were cast on Me and she must and shall go free;
All her debts were cast on Me and she must and shall go free.

3. Peace of conscience, peace with God, we obtain through Jesus' blood.
Jesus' blood speaks solid rest, we believe and we are blest;
We believe and we are blest. Chorus

Bridge

Should the law against her roar, Jesus' blood still speaks with pow'r;
All her debts were cast on Me and she must and shall go free . .
And she must and shall go free . . Chorus 2x

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION This I Believe (The Creed)

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

1. Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty;
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

Chorus

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son,
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One;
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again;
For, I believe in the name of Jesus.

2. Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You;
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life, forever seated high!
Chorus

I believe in You; I believe You rose again; I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in life eternal; I believe in the virgin birth;
I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy church;
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again;
For, I believe in the name of Jesus.

Chorus

For, I believe in the name of Jesus;
For, I believe in the name of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 19:1-20

¹ And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. ² And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

⁸ And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

¹¹ And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. ¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” ¹⁴ Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵ But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” ¹⁶ And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷ And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. ¹⁸ Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. ¹⁹ And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

SERMON “The Details That Matter”
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

INSTALLATION OF REV. BRYAN A. RIGG

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| Elder Rusty Smith | Elder Scott Long |
| Elder Shawn George | Elder Paul Crowe |

CLOSING HYMN Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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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