

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • MARCH 1, 2020 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Ephesians 5:14, 8-10

Pastor: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,

Congregation: And Christ will shine on us.

Pastor: For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of the light.

Congregation: For the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true.

Pastor: And try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Arise, My Soul, Arise

1. Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears;
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”
Chorus

Chorus

Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (Arise), Arise (Arise)
Arise, Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

2. He ever lives above,
For me to intercede;
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.
Chorus

4. My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child,
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.
Chorus 2X

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS Luke 22:7-20

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION In Christ Alone

(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for a children’s Bible lesson during the last stanza. Visitors’ children are welcome.)

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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SCRIPTURE READING Acts 20:1-16

¹After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. ²When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. ³There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. ⁴Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. ⁵These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, ⁶but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

⁷On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. ⁸There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. ⁹And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. ¹⁰But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.” ¹¹And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. ¹²And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

¹³But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land. ¹⁴And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. ¹⁵And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after that we went to Miletus. ¹⁶For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

SERMON “Raised From the Dead!”
-Rev. Ben Spivey

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
HYMN OF PREPARATION The Lord Is My Salvation

1. The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea;
And I am safe on this solid ground;
The Lord is my salvation.

2. I will not fear when darkness falls;
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun;
The Lord is my salvation.

3. My hope is hidden in the Lord;
He flow’rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades,
I know spring will come;
The Lord is my salvation.

4. In times of waiting, times of need,
When I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days;
The Lord is my salvation.
Chorus

5. And when I reach my final day,
He will not leave me in the grave,
But I will rise,
He will call me home;
The Lord is my salvation. Chorus

CHORUS
Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love;
My debt is paid and the vict’ry won;
The Lord is my salvation.

3. My hope is hidden in the Lord;
He flow’rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades,
I know spring will come;
The Lord is my salvation.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive what is due for what we have done, whether good or ill. Yet how foolish we have been! Our sins always lead to the same results: separation, guilt, shame, and wrath. Though we know your righteous decree that such things lead to death, we continue in them. You warn us in many ways, but we fail to acknowledge your gracious reminders, and go our own way. In your great mercy, forgive us. And teach us to no longer live for ourselves, but for Christ, who for our sake died and was raised.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 1:16–17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMNS

1. My Jesus, I love Thee,
I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies
Of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer,
My Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee,
My Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love Thee because Thou
Has first loved me,
And purchased my pardon
On Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing
The thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee,
My Jesus, 'tis now.

My Jesus I Love Thee

3. I'll love Thee in life
And I'll love Thee in death;
I'll praise Thee as long
As Thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the death dew
Lies cold on my brow:
“If ever I loved Thee,
My Jesus, 'tis now.”

4. In mansions of glory
And endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee
In heaven so bright;
And sing with the glittering
Crown on my brow:
“If ever I loved Thee,
My Jesus, 'tis now,
My Jesus, 'tis now.”

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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion,
We will sing with our hearts restored;
“He has done great things”,
We will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up,
Chorus

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid;
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength!
Chorus

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the Faithful one;
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom!
Chorus

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INSTRUMENTAL

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

CLOSING HYMN

O, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

2. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

3. “Jesus,” the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace ...

4. He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me!

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

6. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come,
And leap ye lame for joy!

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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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