

**MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY • MAY 28, 2017 • 10:30 AM**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalm 34:1-5**

*Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be continually be in my mouth.*

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

*Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!*

*All: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Doxology**

*1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
In heav'n above, and earth below.  
Praise God the Father and the Son.  
Praise God the Spirit, three in one.*

*2. From all that dwell beneath the skies,  
Let the Creator's praise arise.  
Let our Redeemer's name be sung,  
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.*

*3. Eternal are Your mercies Lord.  
Eternal truth attends Your Word.  
Your praise will sound from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.*

*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.*

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**NEW TESTAMENT READING      1 Peter 1:3-7**

*<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

**HYMN OF CONFESSION**

*1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.*

*2. Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.*

*3. Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me;  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.*

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**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Gracious and merciful heavenly Father, we praise you for the work of your Spirit that drew our hearts to faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that though you have given us eyes of faith to see the reality of your presence and promises in all of life, that too often our eyes turn inward trusting in our ability to make life work and distrusting your faithfulness at work. Forgive us for this anxious and fearful self-reliance and lead our hearts into an ever-clearer vision of your steadfast love and faithfulness for us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

*4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.*

*5. Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.*

*6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON      Isaiah 25:8**

*He will swallow up death forever;  
And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth.  
For the LORD has spoken.*

**SONG OF ASSURANCE      He Will Swallow Up Death**

*1. The whole of nature groans with longing,  
We ache for that promised glory  
Still we rejoice because we know  
Plans formed of old, faithful and sure*

*2. The whole of nature groans with longing;  
We wait for that promised glory  
Still we rejoice because we know  
Our sorrow's end is coming*

**Chorus**

*He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces  
He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces  
We'll sing: "This is our God we've waited for and he saved us!"  
He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces*

*3. Here in the darkness of our mourning;  
We wait for the Light that's coming  
And on that day we will return  
With joy and gladness singing:*

**Chorus**

*Behold, your God. He will come and save you (x6)  
**Chorus x2***

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**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## OFFERING

### Psalm 27 (The Lord Is My Light)

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

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation  
The Lord is my light and my salvation  
The Lord is my light and my salvation  
Whom shall I fear?

#### Chorus

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life,  
Whom shall I fear?

2. In the time of trouble, he shall hide me, oh  
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me  
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me  
Whom shall I fear?

#### Chorus

3. Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, oh  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,  
He shall strengthen thy heart.

#### Chorus

The Lord is the strength  
The Lord is the strength  
The Lord is the strength of my life  
Whom shall I fear?

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## SCRIPTURE READING

### 1 Samuel 21:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Then David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one with you?"  
<sup>2</sup>And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, 'Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.' I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place."  
<sup>3</sup>Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here."  
<sup>4</sup>And the priest answered David, "I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread—if the young men have kept themselves from women."  
<sup>5</sup>And David answered the priest, "Truly women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition. The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?"  
<sup>6</sup>So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.  
<sup>7</sup>Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord. His name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's herdsmen.  
<sup>8</sup>Then David said to Ahimelech, "Then have you not here a spear or a sword at hand? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste."  
<sup>9</sup>And the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the Valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it, for there is none but that here."  
And David said, "There is none like that; give it to me."  
<sup>10</sup>And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath.  
<sup>11</sup>And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances,  
'Saul has struck down his thousands,  
and David his ten thousands?'"  
<sup>12</sup>And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.  
<sup>13</sup>So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard.

<sup>14</sup>Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me?"  
<sup>15</sup>Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"

## SERMON

### "Welcoming God Who Tests the Heart" -Rev. Keith Peck

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### Your Great Name We Praise

1. Immortal, invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most holy, most glorious the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious  
Your great name we praise

2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light  
Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above  
Your clouds which are fountains  
Of goodness and love

#### Chorus

Most Holy, Most glorious  
The Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious  
Your great name we praise

3. All life comes from You Lord  
To both great and small  
In all life You live Lord, the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail  
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

#### Chorus

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light  
Your angels adore You all veiling their sight  
All praise we will render oh Father of grace  
Till one day in splendor we see face to face.

#### Chorus x2

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## BENEDICTION

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: 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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