

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP 2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:6

Pastor: And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

People: For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Pastor: For God has said, "Let light shine out of darkness."

People: He has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE In Christ Alone

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:
'Til on the 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;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 17:16, 22-31

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for,

"In him we live and move and have our being";
as even some of your own poets have said,
"For we are indeed his offspring."

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

SONG OF CONFESSION None Other Lamb

1. None other Lamb, none other name
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea
None other hiding place from guilt and shame
None beside Thee

2. My faith burns low, my hope burns low
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe
Cries out to Thee

Chorus
None other Lamb, none other name
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea
None other hiding place from guilt and shame
None beside Thee

3. Lord Thou art life, though I be dead
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head
Nor home, but Thee
Chorus 2X

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CONFESSION OF SIN New City Catechism Q&A 17

Q. What is idolatry?

A. *Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 30:15a, 18a

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength." Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

PSALM OF ASSURANCE Psalm 62

1. My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may
curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

Chorus
O praise Him, hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting, never failing
My Redeemer, my God

2. Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven
Chorus

3. I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With every day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever
Chorus 2X

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My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING How Great Thou Art

1. Oh Lord My God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
The sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

3. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!
Chorus 2X

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SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 115

¹Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of
your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

² Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” ³ Our God is in the
heavens; he does all that he pleases.

⁴ Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. ⁵ They have
mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. ⁶ They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell. ⁷ They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat. ⁸ Those who make them become like
them; so do all who trust in them.

⁹ O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. ¹⁰ O house of
Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. ¹¹ You who fear the
LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

¹² The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of
Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; ¹³ he will bless those who fear the LORD,
both the small and the great.

¹⁴ May the LORD give you increase, you and your children! ¹⁵ May you be
blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

¹⁶ The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the
children of man. ¹⁷ The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into
silence. ¹⁸ But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise
the LORD!

SERMON “Not *Whether*, but *What* you Worship”
- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

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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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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