

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • JANUARY 29, 2017 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24:3-5

Pastor: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Pastor: He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Come Christians Join to Sing

Chorus
*Rejoice and sing
to God, our Lord, our King.
Lift up and praise His name,
Alleluia, alleluia.*

*1. Come Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice
Before His throne rejoice.
Praise is His gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!*

*2. Come lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!
Chorus*

*3. Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
Alleluia! Amen!
Chorus (twice)*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6:8 and 7:18-19

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

SONG OF CONFESSION By Grace Alone

*1. Out of the depths I cry to You,
Lord hear my voice of pleading;
Bend down Your gracious ear, I pray,
Your humble servant heeding.
If You remember each misdeed,
And of each thought and word take heed,
Who can remain before You:
Only by grace, by grace alone.*

*2. Your pardon is a gift of love,
Your grace alone must save us,
Our works will not remove our guilt,
The strictest life would fail us.
Let none in deeds or merits boast,
But let us own the Holy Ghost
For He alone can change us:
Only by grace, by grace alone.*

*3. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our kind and faithful Shepherd He,
Who will set all His people free
From all their sin and sorrow:
Only by grace, by grace alone.*

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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 3:23-26

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Nothing But the Blood

*1. What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Chorus

*O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*2. For my cleansing this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my pardon this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus*

*3. Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus*

*4. This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Chorus 2X*

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RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

*Heather Burns
Caroline Dickey
Grady Lee
Payden and Olivia Ludwick
Pilar Parry
Gale Peck
Rob and Liz Peck
Barb Roberts
Janice Sharrett
Abbey Shimer*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Grady Alexander Lee

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION **Beatitudes**

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

1. Blessed are the poorest ones

For heaven comes to where they are in You, in You

Blessed are the ones who mourn

For comfort comes to find them all in You, in You

2. Those who seek will be made right

They will be filled and lifted high in You, in You

Blessed are the merciful

For mercy will be shown to them by You, by You

Chorus

Blessed are the ones who call Your name

And blessed are the ones You save

O You bless the pure in heart

We will see our God, we will see our God

3. Those who long for making peace

They will be called the children of our God, of our God

Blessed are the meek

For they receive the earth

And all that's found in You, in You

Chorus 2X

4. Persecuted we will stand

For our reward is heaven here and now

And still to come

2015 Hillsong

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 5:1-10**

¹Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

SERMON

"The Whole is Greater than the Parts"

- Rev. Rob Edwards

SONG OF RESPONSE **Thy Mercy, My God**

1. Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song

The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue

Thy free grace alone from the first to the last

Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

2. Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here

Sin would reduce me to utter despair

But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive

And He that first made me still keeps me alive

3. Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart

Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart

Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground

And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

4. Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own

And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son

All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine

Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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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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