

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • MAY 27, 2018 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 130:1-5, 8

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

People: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

People: My soul waits for the Lord, and he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

*1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love, and pow'r*

Chorus

*I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O, there are ten thousand charms*

*2. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh*

Come Ye Sinners

*3. Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him*

*4. Come, ye weary, heavy laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all
Chorus (2X)*

*Words by Joseph Hart;
Music: Traditional American Melody; Walkers
Southern Harmony, 1835*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14:1-7

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself; that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear Father in heaven, we confess that our faith is weak. As we look to your Son, we are told that it is you we behold. And yet we often look to satisfy our souls with created things, rather than you, our Creator. Your Son is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; the Word, and the Resurrection. However, we are frequently confused about how to seek you, to find you, and to approach you. Forgive us for our sin and doubt, and help us to see Jesus, through your Word, and by your Holy Spirit, that we might confess ‘no other way unto the Father, but through Christ Himself.’

HYMN 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.*

*Authors: David Ward | Martin Luther Based on Psalm 130
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HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*1. The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for -
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.*

*2. The king there in His beauty,
Without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey,
Though sev'n deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army,
Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land*

*3. O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

The Sands of Time are Sinking

*4. The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.*

*5. O I am my Beloved's
And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit -
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land
In Emmanuel's land
In Emmanuel's land*

*Authors: Words: Anne Cousin (based on Samuel Rutherford's letters). Music: traditional folk tune (arr. Phillip Palmertree)
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COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKS We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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

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 2X*

*Written by Sandra McCracken
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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:15 – 24

¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"¹⁶ But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.'¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.'²⁰ And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'²² And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'²³ And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON "The Great Banquet" - Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE Father Long Before Creation

*1. Father long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.*

*2. Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever Praise His name.*

*3. God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us,
That His only Son He gave.*

*4. Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, Giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb;*

*Giving glory, Giving glory,
To our God and to the Lamb*

*Words from Chinese Hymn,
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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!

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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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