

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 30, 2018 • 10:30 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 11:17; Psalm 145:10

Minister: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was

People: For you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

Minister: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD!

People: And all your saints shall bless you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMNS OF ADORATION The Solid Rock

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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Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart:
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.
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NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15:1-11

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our gracious God, we confess the unbelief that is evident in our every sin. When faced with struggles, we doubt your goodness, question your loving care, and mistrust your many promises. Rather than taking up our cross and following Jesus our Lord, we seek our own way. Instead of enduring suffering, we pursue our own glory. Though you intend to conform us to the image of your Son, we follow our own plans. Increase our faith that we would be led to repentance, with the assurance of things hoped for, and the conviction of things not seen, that we might abide in the faith that overcomes the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 10:19, 22; 13:8

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus: let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Praise Him! Praise Him!

1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children
In His arms He carries them all day long

Chorus

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Tell of His excellent greatness
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song

2. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
For our sins He suffered and bled and died
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong
Chorus

3. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong
Chorus

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

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

*1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been thou forever wilt be*

Chorus

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

*2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Chorus*

*3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. Chorus*

*Authors: Thomas Obediah Chisholm & William Marion Runyan
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SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 90 – 91:2**

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. ⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? ¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. ¹³ Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. ¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD **Romans 10:17**

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON **"Abide in the Shadow of the Almighty"** - Rev. Bryan Rigg

HYMN OF RESPONSE **Rejoice The Lord is King**

*1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
And triumph ever more*

Refrain

*Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*2. Jesus the Savior reigns
The God of truth and love
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above
Refrain*

*3. His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heav'n
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n
Refrain*

*4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home
Refrain 2X*

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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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