

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP 1 John 4:9–10

Pastor: In this the love of God was made manifest among us.

People: That God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

Pastor: In this is love, not that we have loved God.

People: But that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMNS OF ADORATION

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

2. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace ...

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

4. He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

His blood availed for me. (8x)

5. He speaks and list'ning to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

6. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap ye lame for joy

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Arranged by Kurt Alber Song is Public Domain.*

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Chorus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

1. Through death into life everlasting, He passed and we follow Him there
O'er us sin no more hath dominion, for more than conquerors we are
Chorus

2. His Word shall not fail you He promised. Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell
Chorus
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 11:8-16

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

HYMN OF PRAISE

For All The Saints

1. For all the saints
Who from their labor's rest
To Thee by faith
Before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus
Be forever blessed, Alleluia allelu...

2. Thou wast their Rock,
Their fortress, and their might;
Thou Lord, their Captain
In the well fought fight;
Through dreary darkness
Thou their one true light. Alleluia allelu...

3. O may thy soldiers
Faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the
Victor's crown of gold. Alleluia allelu...

4. The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
Warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of
Paradise the blest, Alleluia allelu...

5. But lo! There breaks
A yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array;
The King of glory
Passes on His way, Alleluia allelu...

6. From earth's wide bounds,
From ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams
In the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia alleluia.

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Walsham How; Music by Christopher Miner
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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our first parents doubted your goodness and so were led into sin. Although you provided in abundance, as an expression of your love, they determined to seek what was good in their own eyes. We confess that our every sin follows the same path. For you tell us in your word that "whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." Forgive us for questioning your steadfast love, and doubting your power to work all things for our good in Christ Jesus. Forgive us for demanding more as proof of your concern rather than entrusting our lives to your care. And as we turn to you in repentance, remind us of the many reasons we have to give you thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 3:16–17

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SONG OF ASSURANCE 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

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION **Cornerstone**

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

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus name

2. 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

Christ alone; cornerstone; weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

3. When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
Chorus 2X

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SCRIPTURE READING **Numbers 24:10-19**

¹⁰ And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together. And Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have blessed them these three times. ¹¹ Therefore now flee to your own place. I said, 'I will certainly honor you,' but the LORD has held you back from honor." ¹² And Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not tell your messengers whom you sent to me, ¹³ 'If Balak should give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not be able to go beyond the word of the LORD, to do either good or bad of my own will. What the LORD speaks, that will I speak?' ¹⁴ And now, behold, I am going to my people. Come, I will let you know what this people will do to your people in the latter days."

¹⁵ And he took up his discourse and said, "The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, the oracle of the man whose eye is opened, ¹⁶ the oracle of him who hears the words of God, and knows the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down with his eyes uncovered: ¹⁷ I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth. ¹⁸ Edom shall be dispossessed; Seir also, his enemies, shall be dispossessed. Israel is doing valiantly. ¹⁹ And one from Jacob shall exercise dominion and destroy the survivors of cities!"

SERMON

"The Will of God Through the Unwilling"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

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 2X

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music by Bob Kauflin.
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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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