

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP      **Isaiah 45:19-20, 22**

Leader: I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, "Seek me in vain."

**Congregation: I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right.**

Leader: Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations!

**Congregation: Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!**

Leader: For I am God, and there is no other.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

GATHERING HYMN      **Come Ye Sinners**

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

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*

OLD TESTAMENT READING      **Isaiah 35**

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light  
Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of my sickness into Thy health  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth  
Out of my sin and into Thyself  
Jesus, I come to Thee

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross  
Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm  
Jesus, I come to Thee

Jesus, I Come

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come  
Into Thy blessed will to abide  
Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love  
Out of despair into raptures above  
Upward forever on wings like a dove  
Jesus, I come to Thee

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come  
Into the joy and light of Thy home  
Jesus, I come to Thee  
Out of the depths of ruin untold  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold  
Jesus, I come to Thee  
Jesus, I come to Thee

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Music by Greg Thompson  
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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of guilt and judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and renew us each day through your Son Jesus. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, by the power of your Spirit and through the love of your Son. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON      **1 Peter 2:24**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE      **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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Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

*Authors: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend  
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### HYMN OF PREPARATION      **We Are Not Overcome**

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

1. Flesh will fail and bones will break  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake  
Night will fall, the light will fade  
The Lord will give and take away

2. Put no trust in the earth  
In the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust,  
The Lord will make a place for us

#### **Chorus**

Because of His great Love,  
We are not overcome!  
Because of His great Love,  
We are not overcome!

3. Have no fear for your life,  
Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
The Lord will give all life and breath  
Chorus 2X

*Author: Isaac Wardell  
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### SCRIPTURE READING      **Acts 3:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. <sup>2</sup> And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup> Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. <sup>4</sup> And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup> And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup> But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" <sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup> And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

## SERMON

**"The Beautiful Gate and the Broken Man"**

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

### HYMN OF RESPONSE      **O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing**

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.	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.
2. My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.	5. He speaks and list'ning to his voice, New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.
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.	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

*Music: Carl Glaser; Lyrics: Charles Wesley;  
Arranged by Kurt Alber  
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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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