

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 77:11–12, 14–15

Leader: I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

Congregation: I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Leader: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

Congregation: You with your arm redeemed your people; the children of Jacob and Joseph.

GATHERING HYMN 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 2X

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:1-10

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup> You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. <sup>4</sup> The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. <sup>5</sup> So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; <sup>6</sup> they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

<sup>7</sup> "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup> As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, <sup>9</sup> therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. Jesus, with Thy church abide;  
Be her Savior Lord and Guide;  
While on earth her faith is tried,  
We beseech Thee hear us,  
We beseech Thee hear us.

2. Keep her life and doctrine pure;  
Grant her patience to endure;  
Trusting in Thy promise sure,  
We beseech Thee hear us,  
We beseech Thee hear us,  
Hear us, hear us.

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Jesus, With Thy Church Abide

3. May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee.  
We beseech Thee hear us,  
We beseech Thee hear us.

4. May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find,  
And the broken-hearted bind;  
We beseech Thee hear us,  
We beseech Thee hear us,  
We beseech Thee hear us,  
Hear us, hear us.

CONFESSION OF SIN

PSALM 106:6–7, 21, 35–36, 47–48

Leader: Both we and our fathers have sinned.

People: We have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.

Leader: Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works. They did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love.

People: They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt.

Leader: They mixed with the nations and learned to do as they did.

People: They served their idols, which became a snare to them.

Leader: Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations.

People: That we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

All: And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 10: 19 & 22

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, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 43

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
And the waves will not overcome you.  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus

Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women: I am the Lord your God)

I am the Lord your God

All: I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women: I am the Lord your God)

I am the Lord your God

All: I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior,

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,

And the flames will not consume you.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus

I am the Lord.

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### HYMN OF PREPARATION      **The Church's One Foundation**

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

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord.  
She is His new creation,  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life, He died.

3. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation,  
Of peace for evermore.  
Till with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food;  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.

4. Yet she on earth hath union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we,  
Like them the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

**Acts 15:36 - 16:5**

<sup>36</sup> And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." <sup>37</sup> Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. <sup>38</sup> But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. <sup>39</sup> And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, <sup>40</sup> but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. <sup>41</sup> And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

<sup>1</sup> Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. <sup>2</sup> He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup> Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. <sup>4</sup> As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

## SERMON

**"Strengthened by Grace"**  
**- 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, unchanging 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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## 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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