

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 86:9–10, 12–13

Leader: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Congregation: **For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart; and I will glorify your name forever.

Congregation: **For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PSALM OF PRAISE Psalm 27 - The Lord is My Light

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus:  
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life,  
Whom shall I fear?

2. In the time of trouble, he shall hide me, oh  
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me;  
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me;  
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus

3. Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, oh  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage;  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage;  
He shall strengthen thy heart.

Chorus

The Lord is the strength;  
The Lord is the strength;  
The Lord is the strength of my life ...  
Whom shall I fear?

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 33:8-22

<sup>8</sup>Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! <sup>9</sup>For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. <sup>11</sup>The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. <sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

<sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; <sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, <sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. <sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. <sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, <sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. <sup>21</sup>For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. <sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

1. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
Holy His will abideth.  
I will be still whate'er He does,  
And follow where He guideth.  
He is my God,  
Though dark my road;  
He holds me that I shall not fall,  
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

2. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
He never will deceive me;  
He leads me by the proper path,  
I know He will not leave me;  
I take, content,  
What He hath sent;  
His hand can turn my griefs away  
And patiently I wait His day.

3. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
Though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart,  
I take it all unshrinking.  
My God is true,  
Each morn anew;  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart  
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

4. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
Here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
Yet I am not forsaken.  
My Father's care  
Is round me there;  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all.

He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all.

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SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

1. O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that foll'west all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee.

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RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Lynda Bitzer

Dustin Burge

Ben Cordle

Lydia Dowdell

Madeline Fiol

Elizabeth Joshua

Aaron Klazinga

Janaye Klazinga

Jonathan Loomis

Jennifer Loomis

Tim Magee

Ruth Magee

Caleb Natale

Karinna Natale

Austin Olson

Jennifer Olson

Lydia Slaughter

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Janaye Klazinga

Ruth Magee

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### SONG OF PREPARATION

#### Ancient of Days

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

1. Though the nations rage,  
Kingdoms rise and fall,  
There is still one King  
Reigning over all.  
So I will not fear,  
For this truth remains:  
That my God is the Ancient of Days.

O His love is sure,  
And He knows my name,  
For my God is the Ancient of Days.  
Chorus

3. Though I may not see  
What the future brings,  
I will watch and wait  
For the Saviour king.  
Then my joy complete,  
Standing face to face,  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

For my God is the Ancient of Days.

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#### Chorus

None above Him, none before Him,  
All of time in His hands,  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand.  
All the power all the glory,  
I will trust in His name,  
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

2. Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul,  
He is here with me,  
I am not alone.

### SCRIPTURE READING

#### Acts 16:13-34

<sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

<sup>16</sup> As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. <sup>20</sup> And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. <sup>21</sup> They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. <sup>23</sup> And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. <sup>24</sup> Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, <sup>26</sup> and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke and saw that

the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. <sup>34</sup> Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

### SERMON

#### "Unexpected Paths to Unexpected People"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

#### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

3. Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee.  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

2. Praise to the Lord  
Who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth!  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth;  
Hast Thou not seen,  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

4. Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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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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