

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY • APRIL 7, 2019 • 10:30 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 111:1-2, 4, 9-10

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart!

Pastor: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

People: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

All: His praise endures forever!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus

(Bridge)

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT 2X)

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill)

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 53:1-6

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

HYMN OF PREPARATION By Thy Mercy

*(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for a children's Bible lesson during the last stanza.
Visitors' children are welcome.)*

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heav'n Thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore Thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace.

Chorus

2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hard'ning pow'r of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within.

5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.

Chorus

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord,
Good Lord.

3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's pow'r,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

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Music – Greg Thompson
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SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:38-13:2

³⁸ And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

¹ And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ² And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON

**“What Jesus Would Have Us See:
Faith Evident in a Sacrificial Gift”
-Rev. Rob Edwards**

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF CONFESSION As a Beggar, I Come to Thee

1. As a beggar, I come to Thee. As a beggar, I come to Thee.
With empty hands, without one plea, as a beggar, I come to Thee

2. At Thy table I find a feast. At Thy table I find a feast.
Here come the poor, the lame, the least, at Thy table I find a feast

3. Precious Savior, how can it be? Precious Savior, how can it be?
Thine own dear blood was shed for me! Precious Savior, how can it be?

4. All my days, Lord, Thy will be done. All my days, Lord, Thy will be done.
Long I to see Thy kingdom come. All my days, Lord, Thy will be done
“...”

5. Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come. Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come.
With lifted hearts, our prayer is sung, come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come
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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, we confess that, like your first disciples, our attention is quickly drawn away to the wonders of this age. You tell us to take up our cross and follow you, but we are distracted with other pursuits. We continue to search for profit in this world and dangerously flirt with forfeiting our souls. Forgive us, we pray. And grant us grace to heed your warning, to turn to you once again, entrusting our lives to your care, no longer living for ourselves, but for you who for our sake died and was raised.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

1. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour, all for love's sake becamest poor; Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour, all for love's sake becamest poor.
2. Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man; Stooping so low, but sinners raising heavenwards by thine eternal plan. Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.
3. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Saviour and King, we worship thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love beyond all telling, mSaviour and King, we worship thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love beyond all telling, mSaviour and King, we worship thee.

Words: Frank Houghton (1894-1972)

Music: Quelle Est Cette Odeur Agréable

How Great Thou Art

1. Oh Lord My God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
How great Thou art.

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin.
Chorus 2

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim my God how great Thou art
Chorus 2X

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HYMN OF RESPONSE 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 follow'st 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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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.”*
1 Peter 2:10

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