

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 145:1, 13-14

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Leader: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

People: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 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 59:15B-20; 60:1-3

15b The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. 16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. 17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. 18 According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. 19 So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the Lord drives. 20 "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the Lord.

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

SONG 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
With lifted hearts, our prayer is sung,
Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, we all belong to the common lot. Though we pretend to be better, we only deceive ourselves. Our best works are but filthy rags, rubbish that counts for nothing. Despite our prideful boasts, all that we have, we have received that we might serve. Forgive us, instead, for seeking a name for ourselves when we should live to your praise. Fill us with the joy of your salvation, that we might count all as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Matthew 1:21

21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE And Can It Be

1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood!
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, should die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

2. He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free
For O my God, it found out me!
Chorus

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee!
Chorus

4. No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him, my living head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own
Chorus

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COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING

What Wondrous Love Is This

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

1. *What wondrous love is this*

O my soul, O my soul

What wondrous love is this, O my soul

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

2. *When I was sinking down*

Sinking down, sinking down

When I was sinking down, sinking down

When I was sinking down

Beneath God's righteous frown

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

Chorus

What wondrous love is this (4X)

3. *To God and to the Lamb*

I will sing, I will sing

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing

To God and to the Lamb

Who is the Great I Am

While millions join the theme I will sing

While millions join the theme I will sing

Chorus

4. *And when from death I'm free*

I'll sing on, I'll sing on

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on

And when from death I'm free

I'll sing his love for me

And thro' eternity I'll sing on

And thro' eternity I'll sing on

Chorus

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 1:15-17

15 *The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.* 16 *But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.* 17 *To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Romans 10:17

Pastor: *Faith comes from hearing.*

People: *And hearing through the word of Christ.*

SERMON

"Gracious Introductions"

-Rev. Rob Edwards

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, unshaking 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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