

HYMN OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur,
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze,

3. 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.

4. 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 then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Author: 1885 Swedish poem by Carl Boberg, translated: Stuart K. Hine © 1949, 1953 The Stuart Hine Trust.

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 11:11-20

¹¹ By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown. ¹² Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent. ¹³ Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered. ¹⁴ Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety. ¹⁵ Whoever puts up security for a stranger will surely suffer harm, but he who hates striking hands in pledge is secure. ¹⁶ A gracious woman gets honor, and violent men get riches. ¹⁷ A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself. ¹⁸ The wicked earns deceptive wages, but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward. ¹⁹ Whoever is steadfast in righteousness will live, but he who pursues evil will die. ²⁰ Those of crooked heart are an abomination to the LORD, but those of blameless ways are his delight.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal Father, You are good beyond all thought, but I am sinful, unholy, and corrupt apart from You. My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways even slower to change. Unmask my sin's deformity, that I may hate it and flee from it. Allow me to know that the way of sin ultimately is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, and that to depart from You and Your Word is to lose all good. I have seen the purity and beauty of Your perfect law, the happiness of those who delight in it, yet I daily violate and ignore its direction. All these sins I mourn and ask for their forgiveness. Work in me a more profound and abiding repentance. Through the tears of repentance allow me to see more clearly the glorious saving work of Jesus Christ on my behalf. In His Name, I trust. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 7:23–25

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but Christ holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Therefore, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

His Mercy is More

Chorus:
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done,
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum,
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
What Father, so tender, is calling us home;
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us,
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Children in pre-K to kindergarten may be dismissed for WIT during the song of preparation. Parents, take your child to check them in. You may pick them up during the last song for the benediction or after the worship service.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord,
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight,
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul’s shelter, Thou my high tow’r:
Raise Thou me heav’nward, O pow’r of my pow’r.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

5. High King of heaven, my vict’ry won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Author: Irish poem, 10th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt. © Public Domain.

GOD’S WORD READ

John 6:22-40

²² On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³ Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you

believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” ³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

SERMON “The Work of God” Richard Brueck

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

SONG OF RESPONSE He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold, through life’s fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Chorus:
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He’ll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
“Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

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BENEDICTION 1 Corinthians 15:58

POSTLUDE

WELCOME

We are glad that you are here. If you are new we would love to get to know you. Please visit the welcome desk and use the QR code below to fill out an online connect card.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are a child-friendly church. If you have children, please know they are welcome and encouraged to worship with you during the service. We are not afraid of a little noise and welcome parents to help their children throughout the service.

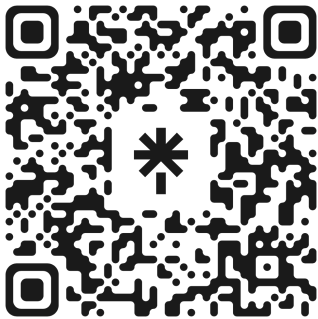
- We have several options available for children during worship:
- **Nursing Room** is available. If a mother would like more privacy while nursing they may use the teacher workroom in the cafeteria so they can continue to hear the worship service.
 - **Nursery** is for ages birth through 3 years old.
 - **Worshippers in Training (WIT)** is during the sermon and is for children pre-k through kindergarden, where they will receive an age appropriate bible lesson.

Nursery and WIT are located down the hallway in the 5th classroom on your right. We ask that parents check in and check out their children.

For older children, there is a worship guide available at the welcome desk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to learn more about the church or find out ways you can get involved in the life of the church you can access our latest announcements in our online newsletter by scanning the QR code. You can use the same link to sign up to recieve weekly updates from Fellowship to stay in touch.



GIVING TO THE CHURCH

There are several ways to give: you can drop a gift in the offering basket, you can mail a check to our P.O. Box listed with checks made out to Mercy Presbyterian Church (in the memo line, please write Fellowship Presbyterian), or you may give online through our website or by scanning the QR code above.

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“...that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”
1 John 1:3

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

WELCOME

PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP Silent Prayer

CALL TO WORSHIP Hebrews 10:19-25

Leader: Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

People: **And since we have a great priest over the house of God, 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.**

Leader: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

People: **And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION