

“Reaching & Equipping”

“And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the Body of Christ.” - Eph 4:11-12

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Financial Update

\$32,000
\$151,000

\$5,532
\$13,120 Faith Promise

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Thank you for Joining us today for Worship by Video!

The Session is continuing to monitor COVID-19 and prayerfully considering when our congregation will meet again in person with social distancing.

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***Celebrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in
Worship, Community & Mission***



April 19, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Praising God for 10 years of Mercy PCA

We are so glad that you have joined us today to Worship the triune God!

God Calls us to Worship Him

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- Revelation 21:1-2

The Prayer of Invocation

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood, Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabbaoth, His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, Through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tithes & Offerings & Faith Promise Gifts

Clicking on this link will show you a few ways to give.

Thank you for keeping the church strong
as we continue to lay up our treasures in Heaven

<http://www.mercypca.org/giving-to-mercy-church/>

“In Christ Alone”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease!
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied -

For every sin on Him was laid:
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment?

- A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

Our Confession of Sin
(confess you own sins silently to the Lord)

The Lord's Prayer
(in unison)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.
¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
- Amen.

(Matthew 6:9-13 - KJV)

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”
Samuel Stennett. Christopher Miner

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus

I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (*I am bound*) I am bound (*I am bound*)
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

Chorus

Listening to God's Word

Psalm 46:1-11

(please open your Bibles and follow along)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

2Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

3though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah

4There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

5God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

6The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

7The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

8Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

9He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

10“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

11The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

“Be Still, and Know that I am God”

> Selah

I. What are you doing?

> Proverbs 16:9 / James 4:13-17

1. Shut down

The wide variety of responses & opportunities

2. Selah

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II. What is God doing?

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First of all the TRUTH:

- 1. Where is our Safety & Strength found? v1-3
- 2. He points us to the City of God. v4 Revelation 21
- 3. Listen to His Promises to His Church v5-7

Now the APPLICATION: v8-11

- 4. “Come...Behold the Works of God”

“Be Still, and Know that I am God”

- 5. There is a River, that makes the City of God Glad!! v4

Conclusion: > This River...

The Royal Priesthood Prayer

(1 Peter 2:9)

The Benediction.....Rev. Curt Stapleton

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

Though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,”

– Amen