

MITCHELL ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

August 30 — 8:30 am and 9:45 am

Sanctuary

Worship at MRPC is a tiny fragment in something much bigger: it is part of the worship which is offered to God by Christians every hour of the day and night, all around the world.

Praising the Creator

Prelude

Community Life

***Call to Worship** *from Isaiah 55:1-3, Matthew 11:28-29*

Leader: “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

All: All who are thirsty, come.

Leader: “Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.”

All: All who are thirsty, come.

Leader: Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.”

All: All who are thirsty, all who are weary and burdened, come, and you will find rest for your souls.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Entrance** *O Worship the King*

O Worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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***Song of Response** *In Christ Alone*

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.
'Til 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.
'Til He returns, or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Lamenting the Fall

Confession of Sin

All: Most gracious Father, we confess that we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have rejected your fatherly guidance. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

***Hymn of Praise (8:30)** *Creation Sings*

Creation sings the Father's song;
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day,
till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints on flakes of snow,
His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight;
commands the newborn baby's cry.

Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
“Hallelujah!”
Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;
the ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth,
whose blameless life would break the curse;
Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally.

Creation longs for His return,
when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky,
all heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme; The glory of our God and King!

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Membership Vows (9:45) Joe and Olivia Kane

Sacrament of Baptism (9:45)

Olivia Ann Kane

Lowry Tyler Kane and Sunday Megan Kane,

children of Joe and Olivia Kane

baptized by TE Andy Lewis and assisted by RE Brent Odom

Scripture Reading *Romans 8:18-28*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Choral Meditation *I Am Not My Own*

Words: based on Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Romans 8:28;

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Cherishing Redemption

Words of Grace and Peace *Lamentations 3:22-24*

***Hymn of Worship** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,

there is no shadow of turning with thee;

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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8:30 am—On fifth Sundays, there is no Kids Church. K4-K5 will remain with parents in the service.

9:45 am—One parent may escort K4-K5 child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

Global Partner Commissioning

Pastoral Prayer

Longing for Restoration

Scripture Reading *Lamentations 5*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Restore Us, Please God — Andy Lewis*

Prayer of Lament *from “Lament for a Loss” (Every Moment Holy)*

Leader: How long, O Lord, till your sovereign will is finally fulfilled as perfectly and completely on this earth, as it is in your heaven?

All: Let it be this year, this day, this hour, O Christ!

Leader: We have suffered in the darkness so long.

All: Call forth your light. Bring on the dawn!

Leader: O Lord, how long until death is destroyed forever and never-ending songs of gladness and praise fill the redeemed fields and rebuilt streets?

All: How long, O Father, until your children are gathered?

Leader: How long, O Redeemer, until our loss is redeemed?

All: How long, O King, until your kingdom is established?

Leader: How long, O Comforter, until we grieve no more forever?

All: Comfort, O comfort your people.

Leader: Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

All: We believe your promises.

Leader: We watch for your return.

All: O Lord, come quickly!

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Assisting in Worship:

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor
Liturgist: Seth Nelson, Erskine Seminary