

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 15:3 & 1 Timothy 1:17

Minister: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Congregation: **Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!**

Minister: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

HYMN OF PRAISE 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, unchanging

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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PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 34:2b-5, 11-15

Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup>You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. <sup>4</sup>The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. <sup>5</sup>So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts.

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

SONG OF PRAISE Psalm 23 (The Lord's My Shepherd)

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

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want

He makes me lie in pastures green

He leads me by the still, still waters

His goodness restores my soul

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone

And I will trust in You alone

For Your endless mercy follows me

Your goodness will lead me home

2. He guides my ways in righteousness

And He anoints my head with oil

And my cup, it overflows with joy

I feast on His pure delights

Chorus

3. And though I walk the darkest path

I will not fear the evil one

For You are with me, and Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know

Chorus

For Your endless mercy follows me,

Your goodness will lead me home.

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SCRIPTURE READING Titus 1:1-9

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, <sup>2</sup>in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began <sup>3</sup>and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

<sup>4</sup>To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

<sup>5</sup>This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— <sup>6</sup>if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. <sup>7</sup>For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, <sup>8</sup>but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. <sup>9</sup>He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

SERMON

“God's Word, Our Roles”

-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

1. O church, Arise,  
And put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak,  
Can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

2. Our call to war –  
To love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword  
That makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valor  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have  
The prize for which He died -  
An inheritance of nations

O Church Arise

3. Come see the cross,  
Where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes  
Lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

4. So Spirit come,  
Put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run  
With faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory  
  
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CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you have established the day on which the world will be judged, by the man you have appointed, having raised him from the dead. Even so, we are often inattentive to your word, profiting little from teaching, failing to heed reproof and correction, and resisting training in righteousness. We lack interest in sound doctrine, and quickly wander off into myths. And so give us ears to hear your gospel, minds to grasp your will, and hearts that are captivated by your grace and glory, though Christ Jesus our Savior.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 5:11-13

<sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Jesus Lover of My Soul

1. Jesus, lover of my soul  
Let me to Thy bosom fly  
While the nearer waters roll  
While the tempest still is high  
Hide me O my Savior, hide  
Till life's storm is past  
Safe into the haven guide  
Receive my soul at last

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want  
More than all in Thee I find  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind  
Just and holy is Thy name  
I am all unrighteousness  
False and full of sin I am  
Thou art full of truth and grace

2. Other refuge have I none  
I helpless hang on Thee  
Leave, oh! leave me not alone  
Still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on Thee is stayed  
All help from Thee I bring  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found  
Grace to cover all my sin  
Let the healing streams abound  
Make and keep me pure within  
Thou of life the fountain art  
Let me take of Thee  
Spring Thou up within my heart  
For all eternity

Jesus, lover of my soul  
Let me to Thy bosom fly

### 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.  
The sings my soul my Savior God to Thee  
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

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 COMMITMENT

1. Come, set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your power in us

2. We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

## 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

## Build Your Kingdom Here

#### Chorus

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win the nations back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here, we pray

3. Unleash Your kingdoms power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom's seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ

We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

Chorus 2X

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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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