

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Colossians 1:13–18

*Pastor:* He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

*People:* **In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

*Pastor:* He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

*People:* **For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth—all things were created through him and for him.**

*Pastor:* And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

*People:* **And he is the head of the body, the church.**

*All:* **He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

2. My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name.

3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life and health and peace.

4. He breaks the power of reigning sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

His blood availed for me. (Repeat)

5. He speaks and list'ning to his voice,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
The humble poor believe.

6. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb  
Your loosened tongues employ  
Ye blind behold your Savior come  
And leap, ye lame, for joy

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NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 4:16–21

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Lord Jesus, you declare, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

*People:* **We confess that we consumed with the riches of this age.**

*Leader:* "Blessed are those who mourn."

*People:* **But we pursue immediate pleasures.**

*Leader:* "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

*People:* **And yet we are satisfied with lesser things.**

*Leader:* "Blessed are the merciful."

*People:* **But we are unkind and quickly condemn.**

*Leader:* "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

*People:* **And yet we live for the approval of others.**

*All:* **Continue your work in us, and conform us to your image, that we might live for your kingdom.**

SONG OF CONFESSION

1. Lord I come, I confess  
Bowling here, I find my rest  
And without You, I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

**Chorus**

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh, God, how I need You

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
**Chorus**

Lord, I Need You

(Bridge)  
So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay  
**Chorus 2X**  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Jesus Paid it All

1. I hear the Savior say  
"Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness, watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all"

**Chorus**  
Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

2. Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone  
**Chorus**

3. And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow

(BRIDGE)

Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead  
(REPEAT 6X)

**Chorus**  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

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RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

**Joshua Brunton**

**John and Pam Geffken**

**William Greene**

**Kenton and Rebecca Martin**  
(children - Ella and Clara)

**Dave and Carol Skeen**

**Rick and Dawn Ulmer**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### SINGING THE PSALMS Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)

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

1. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes,  
Nor for help on man depend;  
He shall die, to dust returning,  
And his purposes shall end.

2. Happy is the man that chooses  
Israel's God to be his aid;  
He is blest whose hope of blessing  
On the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heaven and earth the Lord created,  
Seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression,  
Righteousness He will maintain.

3. Food He daily gives the hungry,  
Sets the mourning prisoner free,  
Raises those bowed down with anguish,  
Makes the sightless eyes to see,  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,  
And the stranger He befriends,  
Helps that fatherless and widow,  
Judgment on the wicked sends.

4. Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,  
O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises  
Of my God through all my days.  
\*Over all God reigns forever,  
Through all ages He is King;  
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion,  
Joyful hallelujahs sing.

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## SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

## SERMON

### "Prerequisites for Worship"

- Rev. Rob Edwards

## HYMN OF RESPONSE 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, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. 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.

Chorus  
O God be my everything, be my delight  
Be Jesus, my glory, my soul satisfied  
REPEAT CHORUS

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.  
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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