

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Colossians 3:16–17

*Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom.*

*People: Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

*Pastor: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

*People: Giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

HYMN OF PRAISE All Creatures of Our God and King

*Everyone:*  
All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

*Chorus*  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

*Women:*  
Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening find a voice,  
Chorus (Everyone)

*Men:*  
And all ye men of tender heart  
Forgiving others take your part  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care  
Chorus (Everyone)

*Everyone:*  
Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Chorus

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:1–5

*<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

*<sup>5</sup>And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

SONG OF HOPE He Will Swallow Up Death

*1. The whole of nature groans with longing,  
We ache for that promised glory  
Still we rejoice because we know  
Plans formed of old, faithful and sure*

*2. The whole of nature groans with longing;  
We wait for that promised glory  
Still we rejoice because we know  
Our sorrow's end is coming*

*Chorus*  
He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces  
He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces  
We'll sing: "This is our God we've waited for and he saved us!"  
He will swallow up death and wipe the tears from our faces

*3. Here in the darkness of our mourning;  
We wait for the Light that's coming  
And on that day we will return  
With joy and gladness singing:  
Chorus*

*Behold, your God. He will come and save you (6X)  
Chorus 2X*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

*Glorious and gracious Lord, in our grief we often look for relief apart from you. We seek shelter in pleasure, possessions, accomplishments, and other people. But none of these is sufficient to save, nor possesses the power to protect. Increase our faith that we might see our present sufferings as incomparable to the glory you will reveal. Grant us patience, that with joy we might await the full redemption which is our hope in Christ Jesus. And assure us of your promise, that we might no longer live for ourselves, but for him who for our sake died and was raised.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Lamentation 3:22–23

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE This Is My Father's World

*1. This is my Father's world  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings  
The music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought*

*2. This is my Father's world  
The birds their carols raise  
The morning light the lily white  
Declare their Maker's praise  
This is my Father's world  
He shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass  
He speaks to me everywhere*

*3. This is my Father's world  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the Ruler yet  
This is my Father's world  
The battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied  
And earth and heaven be one!  
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The battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied  
And earth and heaven be one!*

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

### Beautiful Things

*Solo: All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change at all  
All this earth, Could all that is lost ever be found  
Could a garden come up from this ground at all*

#### Chorus

*All: You make beautiful things.  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things. You make beautiful things out of us*

*All around, Hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found in You. Chorus 2X*

*You make me new, You are making me new  
You make me new, You are making me new.*

#### Chorus

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## SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148

***<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord!***

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;*

*Praise him in the heights!*

***<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels;***

*Praise him, all his hosts!*

***<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon,***

*Praise him, all you shining stars!*

***<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!***

***<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord!***

*For he commanded and they were created.*

*<sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever;*

*he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.*

***<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,***

*<sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!*

*<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!*

*<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!*

*<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!*

*<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together, old men and children!*

***<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord,***

*for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.*

*<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,*

*for the people of Israel who are near to him.*

***Praise the Lord!***

## SERMON "Participants in a Cosmic Chorus of Praise"

- Rev. Rob Edwards

## HYMN OF RESPONSE Praise God (Doxology)

*1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
In heav'n above, and earth below.  
Praise God the Father and the Son.  
Praise God the Spirit, three in one.*

*2. From all that dwell beneath the skies,  
Let the Creator's praise arise.  
Let our Redeemer's name be sung,  
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.*

*3. Eternal are Your mercies Lord.  
Eternal truth attends Your Word.  
Your praise will sound from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

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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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