

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Ephesians 2:13–14, 19–21

*Pastor:* Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

*People:* For he himself is our peace.

*Pastor:* So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

*People:* Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

*Pastor:* In whole the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE 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.*

SONG OF PRAISE Cornerstone

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus name

2. His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

**CHORUS**  
Christ alone; cornerstone  
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all

3. When Darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil  
Chorus

4. When He shall come with trumpet  
sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
Chorus 2X

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION The Church's One Foundation

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

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life, He died

2. Elect from ev'ry nation  
Yet one o'er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth  
One holy Name she blesses  
Partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued

3. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation,  
Of peace for evermore.  
Till with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blessed  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

4. Yet she on earth hath union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won,  
O happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we,  
Like them the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee.

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SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 1:1–4

*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life<sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.*

SERMON "The Testimony that Must Be Maintained"  
-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS  
SONG OF PREPARATION This I Believe (The Creed)

1. Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son,  
Jesus our Savior

**Chorus**

*I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

2. Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified,  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life,  
Forever seated high  
Chorus

*I believe in You, I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

*I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy church  
I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
Chorus  
For I believe in the name of Jesus  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

*Almighty God, we profess faith. But we know that even the demons believe, and shudder. Our works often testify against us. Rather than producing the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—we perform the works of the flesh—sexual immorality, idolatry, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, divisions, and envy. We continue in sin, believing grace will abound. But you call us to count ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Deepen our faith, we pray, in your divine power that has granted us all things that pertain to life and godliness. And Increase our strength, that we might be more diligent to confirm our calling in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 13:8

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

## THE LORD'S SUPPER      **Rock of Ages** (*When the Day Seems Long*)

*Solo:*    1. *Rock of Ages, when the day seems long  
From this labor and this heartache, I have come,  
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same,  
Rock of Ages, I praise your name.*

*Rock of Ages, you have brought me near,  
You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears  
To make this stone heart come alive again,  
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.*

**ALL:**    *Chorus    Rock of Ages.    Rock of Ages.  
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.  
Rock of Ages, your will be done.*

2. *Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,  
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess,  
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace,  
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.*

*Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me.  
Who am I that you would die to make me free?  
To give me glory, you took the death and pain.  
Rock of Ages, my Offering.  
Chorus*

3. *Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried.  
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied,  
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands,  
Rock of Ages, in faith I stand.*

*Rock of Ages, my great hope secure.  
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul  
Bind your children with cords of love and grace.  
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.  
Chorus 2X*

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## Heal Us, Emmanuel

**Solo:**    **Chorus**  
*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are  
We long to feel Thy touch  
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly  
O Savior hear our cry*

1. *Our faith is feeble, we confess  
We faintly trust Thy word  
But will You pity us the less?  
Be that far from You Lord!  
Chorus*

2. *Remember him who once applied  
With trembling for relief  
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried  
"O help my unbelief!"  
Chorus*

3. *She, too, who touched you in the press  
And healing virtue stole  
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace  
Thy faith has made thee whole."  
Chorus*

4. *Like her, with hopes and fears we come  
To touch You if we may  
O send us not despairing home  
Send none unhealed away  
Chorus*

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## CONCLUDING PRAISE      **Father Long Before Creation**

1. *Father long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.*

2. *Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever Praise His name.*

3. *God's compassion is my story  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us,  
That His only Son He gave.*

4. *Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, Giving glory,  
To our God and to the Lamb;*

*Giving glory, Giving glory,  
To our God and to the Lamb*

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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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# Mercy

## Presbyterian Church

***"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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