

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP      Ephesians 4:1-6

*Pastor:* Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

*People:* **With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

*Pastor:* There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call.

*All:* **One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE      In Christ Alone

1. 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.

2. 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 the cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. 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.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death;  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS      Matthew 7:15-23

<sup>15</sup> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' <sup>23</sup> And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

HYMN OF CONFESSION      Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

1. Pass me not O gentle Savior  
Hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by

**Chorus**  
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by

2. Let me at Thy throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief  
Kneeling there in deep contrition  
Help my unbelief  
Chorus

3. Trusting only in Thy merit  
Would I seek Thy face  
Heal my wounded broken spirit  
Save me by Thy grace  
Chorus

4. Thou the Spring of all my comfort  
More than life to me  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in heaven but Thee?  
Chorus 2x

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, your word is clear, a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. But we do not want to hear, and would rather chose our own way. All Scripture is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. And yet instead, we readily give ear to teachers who suit our own passions. Rather than endure sound teaching, we quickly wander off into myths, and would rather be affirmed in our own convictions than challenged anew by your truth. Renew our hearts, we pray, that we might respond to your word, and be made wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON      Ezekiel 36:26-27

<sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees.

PSALM OF ASSURANCE      The Lord is My Light (Psalm 27)

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation  
The Lord is my light and my salvation  
The Lord is my light and my salvation  
Whom shall I fear?

**Chorus:**  
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life,  
Whom shall I fear?

2. In the time of trouble, he shall hide me,  
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me  
In the time of trouble, he shall hide me  
Whom shall I fear?  
Chorus

3. Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage  
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,  
He shall strengthen thy heart.

**Chorus**  
The Lord is the strength  
The Lord is the strength  
The Lord is the strength of my life  
Whom shall I fear?

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERING      **This I Believe (The Creed)**

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

*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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## SCRIPTURE READING

### **1 John 4:1-6**

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*

## SERMON

### **"Expertise in Evaluating Spiritual Claims"**

- Rev. Rob Edwards

## HYMN OF RESPONSE      **On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand**

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

#### **Chorus**

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil,  
Chorus*

*3. 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*

*4. When He shall come  
With trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
Chorus (twice)*

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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

*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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