

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP

*Pastor:* Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

*Congregation:* **How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor?**

*Pastor:* Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to Him again?

*Together:* **For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

**Chorus**

Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare.  
Come let us adore Him!

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?

Who can question any of His words?

Who can teach the One who knows all things?

Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!

Chorus

(Bridge)

Men: You will reign forever

Women: (Let Your glory fill the earth)

(REPEAT 4X)

Chorus 2X

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 3:22-30

<sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons."  
<sup>23</sup> And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?  
<sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.  
<sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.  
<sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.  
<sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup> "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter,  
<sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—  
<sup>30</sup> for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

HYMN OF LAMENT

Beams of Heaven

1. Beams of heaven as I go,  
Through the wilderness below,  
Guide my feet in peaceful ways,  
Turn my midnights into days.  
When in the darkness I would grope,  
Faith always sees a star of hope,  
And soon from all life's grief and danger  
I shall be free someday.  
I shall be free someday, I'll be free,

2. Often times my sky is clear,  
Joy abounds without a tear;  
Though a day so bright begun,  
Clouds may hide tomorrow's sun.  
There'll be a day that's always bright,  
A day that never yields to night,  
And in its light the streets of glory  
I shall behold someday.  
I shall behold someday, I'll behold,

3. Harder yet may be the fight;  
Right may often yield to might;  
Wickedness a while may reign;  
Satan's cause may seem to gain.  
But there's a God that rules above  
With hand of power and heart of love;  
And if I'm right, he'll fight my battle,  
I shall have peace someday.  
I shall have peace someday, I'll have peace.

4. Burdens now may crush me down,  
Disappointments all around;  
Troubles speak in mournful sigh,  
Sorrow through a tear-stained eye.  
There is a world where pleasure reigns,  
No mourning soul shall roam its plains,  
And in that land of peace and glory  
I shall be home someday.  
I shall be home someday.  
I shall be home someday.  
I shall be home someday, I'll be home.

Authors: Words - Charles Albert Tinley (ca 1906);  
Music - Will Wingate (2012)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, and renew us in the spirit of our minds; that putting away all bitterness and wrath, anger and malice, and every other evil affection, and being kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as you, O God, for Christ's sake have forgiven us, that we may comfortably look with an assured hope for the day of redemption from all evils, unto eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Tim. 1:15

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

SONG OF ASSURANCE Isaiah 43

1. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you  
And the waves will not overcome you  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name, you are mine

**Chorus**

Men: For I am the Lord your God (Women echo: I am the Lord your God)  
I am the Lord your God

I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior

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I am the Holy One of Israel, your Savior

Men: I am the Lord (Women: Do not Fear)

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2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned  
And the flames will not consume you  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name, you are mine

Chorus

I am the Lord.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERING      **This is My Father's World**

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

<i>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</i>	<i>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! This is my Father's world The battle is not done Jesus who died shall be satisfied And earth and heaven be one!</i>
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### SCRIPTURE READING      **1 John 5:14-21**

*<sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*

*<sup>16</sup>If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that.*

*<sup>17</sup>All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.*

*<sup>18</sup>We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.*

*<sup>19</sup>We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*

*<sup>20</sup>And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. <sup>21</sup>Little children, keep yourselves from idols.*

SERMON      **"Concerning Eternal Life"**  
- Rev. Bryan Rigg

## SONG OF RESPONSE      **Let Your Kingdom Come**

*1. Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.  
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.  
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.  
The cross has saved us, so we pray,  
"Your kingdom come."*

### **Chorus**

*Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done!  
So that everyone might know Your Name.  
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,  
till Your sovereign work on earth is done.*

*Let Your kingdom come!*

*2. Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.  
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.  
Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.  
By grace, we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath.  
Chorus 2X*

*Let Your kingdom come!  
Let Your kingdom come!*

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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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