

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP      **Philippians 2:6-11**

*Pastor:* Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

*People:* **Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.**

*Pastor:* So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

*People:* **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE      **Overcome**

*1. Seated above, enthroned in the Father's love  
Destined to die, poured out for all mankind  
God's only Son, perfect and spotless one  
He never sinned, but suffered as if He did*

*All authority, every victory is Yours  
All authority, every victory is Yours*

**Chorus**  
*Savior, worthy of honor and glory  
Worthy of all our praise, You overcame  
Jesus, awesome in power forever  
Awesome and great is Your name, You overcame*

*2. Power in hand speaking the Father's plan  
Sending us out, light in this broken land*

*All authority, every victory is Yours  
All authority, every victory is Yours  
Chorus*

*Bridge*  
*We will overcome by the blood of the Lamb  
And the word of our testimony, Ev'ryone overcome  
(repeat X2)  
Chorus X2*

*Author: Jeremy Camp*

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT      **Isaiah 49:5-7, 11-13**

*<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup> he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”*

*<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”*

*<sup>11</sup> And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. <sup>12</sup> Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.”*

*<sup>13</sup> Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.*

HYMN OF HOPE      **Beams of Heaven**

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

*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'll be home.*

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

SCRIPTURE READING      **Matthew 28:16-20**

*<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

SERMON      **“Learning to Relate to Jesus as Lord”  
-Rev. Rob Edwards**

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY      **Rejoice the Lord is King**

*1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
And triumph ever more*

**Chorus**  
*Lift up your heart  
Lift up your voice  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*2. Jesus the Savior reigns  
The God of truth and love  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above  
Chorus*

*3. His kingdom cannot fail  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n  
Chorus*

*4. Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord the Judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home  
Chorus 2X*

*Authors: Words by Charles Wesley;  
Music by John Darwall  
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CONFESSION OF SIN

*Lord Jesus, although we sing your praise in worship, in many ways we resist your rule over our lives. We cry out for forgiveness, and yet fail to acknowledge your authority. You tell us your yoke is easy and your burden is light, but we are afraid to draw near that we might learn from you. Have mercy on us, and lead us into true repentance, that we might turn from our ways and discover the life that is found in you.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON      **Acts 13:38-39**

*Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.*

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

## What Wondrous Love is This

1. *What wondrous love is this  
O my soul, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul*

3. *To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the Great I Am  
While millions join the theme I will sing  
While millions join the theme I will sing  
Chorus*

2. *When I was sinking down  
Sinking down, sinking down  
When I was sinking down, sinking down  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul*

4. *And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing his love for me  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on  
Chorus*

Chorus  
*What wondrous love is this (4X)*

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## We Will Feast in the House of Zion

### Chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

1. *We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up  
Chorus*

2. *In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength  
Chorus*

3. *Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom.  
Chorus 2X*

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## HYMN OF COMMITMENT

## Jesus Shall Reign

1. *Jesus shall reign wherever the sun  
Does his successive journeys run  
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more*

Chorus  
*Heaven and Earth resound: Jesus shall reign!  
Far as the curse is found Jesus shall reign!  
(Repeat)*

2. *People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His Name  
Chorus*

3. *Blessings abound wherever He reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.  
Chorus*

4. *Let every creature rise and bring  
Their grateful honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"  
Chorus  
Jesus shall reign, Jesus shall reign, Jesus shall reign!*

*Authors: Isaac Watts and John C. Hatton  
New City Fellowship adaptation - 2013*

## 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*  
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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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