

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.*

*All: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE Let us Adore

1. The heavens declare  
The glory of God  
And all of the world  
Will join the praise  
His wonders proclaim

2. The oceans and skies  
Lift up their voice  
And all He has made  
Will rise to bless  
The King of all kings

Let us adore Him  
Let us adore Him  
Jesus Christ is the Lord

3. Eternity's King  
Is coming again  
Though all of the earth  
Will fade away  
His truth will remain

Let us adore Him  
Let us adore Him  
Jesus Christ is the Lord  
Come and behold Him  
Bow down before Him  
Jesus Christ is the Lord

**Bridge**  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.  
You are worthy of all praise  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.  
You are worthy of all praise

Let us adore Him  
Let us adore Him  
Jesus Christ is the Lord  
Come and behold Him  
Bow down before Him  
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READING FROM THE EPISTLES Philippians 2:2-11

*<sup>2</sup> Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

*What do you require, O God, but that we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly before you? Your Son provides the perfect example of these, both in word and deed. As his disciples, we are called to follow. But we fail in many ways. We confess that our lives are filled with pretense. We hold ourselves in high esteem, but belittle those who differ from us. We serve our own desires, and pursue our own happiness, but neglect the needs of others, and resist bearing their burdens. Forgive us, we pray. And conform us to the image of our Savior, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. No more, my God, I boast no more  
Of all the duties I have done;  
I quit the hopes I held before,  
To trust the merits of Thy Son

**Chorus**  
No more my God,  
No more my God,  
No more my God,  
I boast no more.

2. Now, for the loss I bear His name,  
What was my gain I count my loss;  
My former pride I call my shame,  
And nail my glory to His cross.  
Chorus

I Boast No More

3. Yes, and I must and will esteem  
All things but loss for Jesus' sake;  
O may my soul be found in Him,  
And of His righteousness partake!  
Chorus

4. The best obedience of my hands  
Dares not appear before Thy throne;  
But faith can answer Thy demands,  
By pleading what my Lord has done.  
Chorus 2X

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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 rules.*

SONG OF ASSURANCE Nothing But the Blood

1. What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**Chorus**

O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

2. For my cleansing this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my pardon this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Chorus

3. Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Chorus

4. This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Chorus 2X

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERING **May the Words of My Mouth**

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

*May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You  
May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You, my God*

*You're my rock and my redeemer  
You're the reason that I sing  
I desire to be a blessing  
In Your eyes  
Every hour and every moment  
Lord I want to be Your servant  
I desire to be a blessing  
In Your eyes, in Your eyes  
REPEAT ALL*

*May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You, my God*

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### SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18**

<sup>1</sup> *"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.*

<sup>2</sup> *"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

<sup>5</sup> *"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

<sup>7</sup> *"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

<sup>16</sup> *"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

## SERMON

### "Appreciating the Art of Hypocrisy"

- Rev. Rob Edwards

## SONG OF RESPONSE **How Deep the Father's Love/When I Survey**

*How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss -  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.*

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*Why should I gain from His reward?  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
Why should I gain from His reward?*

*Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart -  
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

*arr. Amy Corbett, 2016*

## 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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