

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP      Ephesians 2:13-16

*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, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

*Pastor:* By abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

*All:* And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN      Brethren We Have Met to Worship

1. Brethren, we have met to worship  
And adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power,  
While we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit  
Of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.

2. Brethren, see poor sinners 'round you  
Slumb'ring on the brink of woe;  
Death is coming, hell is moving  
Can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers and our mothers  
And our children sinking down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.

3. Sisters, will you join and help us?  
Moses' sister aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners  
Who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior  
Tell them that He will be found;  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.

4. Let us love our God supremely,  
Let us love each other too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners  
Till our God makes all things new.  
Then He'll call us home to heaven,  
At His table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us  
With sweet manna all around  
With sweet manna all around

Brethren, we have met to worship  
And adore the Lord our God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Psalm 133

<sup>1</sup>Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

<sup>2</sup>It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

HYMN OF PRAISE      How Sweet and Awesome

1. How sweet and awesome is the place  
With Christ within the doors  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores

2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues  
Lord why was I a guest?

3. Why was I made to hear Thy voice  
And enter while there's room  
When thousands make a wretched choice  
And rather starve than come?

4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in  
Else we had still refused to taste  
And perished in our sin

5. Pity the nations, O our God  
Constrain the earth to come  
Send Thy victorious Word abroad  
And bring the strangers home

6. We long to see Thy churches full  
That all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul  
Sing Thy redeeming grace

While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues  
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, you forgive us much, and yet we have failed to love much. You call us to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Instead, we confess, we find others to be burdens and so avoid them. Rather than maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, we pass judgment on your servants, when you enable them to stand in your righteousness. Forgive our condemning hearts, our divisive imaginations, and our careless words. For Jesus' sake, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON      1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

SONG OF ASSURANCE      All I Have is Christ

*Chorus*

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

1. I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace  
Chorus 2X

3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
Oh Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You  
Chorus 3X

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### SONG OF THANKSGIVING      **Good, Good Father**

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

*1. Oh I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone*

#### **Chorus**

*You're a good good Father, it's who You are,  
It's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You, it's who I am,  
It's who I am, it's who I am*

*2. Oh, and I've seen many searching  
For answers far and wide  
But I've known we're all searching  
For answers only You provide  
'Cause You know just what we need  
Before we say a word  
Chorus*

#### **Bridge**

*You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us  
REPEAT BRIDGE*

*3. Oh this love so undeniable, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love  
Chorus 3X*

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## SCRIPTURE READING      Matthew 7:1-6, 12

*<sup>1</sup>"Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.*

*<sup>6</sup>"Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.*

*<sup>12</sup>"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

## SERMON

**"Who Goes First?"**

**- Rev. Rob Edwards**

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### Jesus With Thy Church Abide

*1. Jesus with Thy church abide  
Be her Savior Lord and Guide  
While on earth her faith is tried  
We beseech Thee hear us  
We beseech Thee hear us*

*2. Keep her life and doctrine pure  
Grant her patience to endure  
Trusting in Thy promise sure  
We beseech Thee hear us  
We beseech Thee hear us*

*3. May she one in doctrine be  
One in truth and charity  
Winning all to faith in Thee  
We beseech Thee hear us  
We beseech Thee hear us*

*4. May she guide the poor and blind  
Seek the lost until she find  
And the broken-hearted bind  
We beseech Thee hear us  
We beseech Thee hear us*

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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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