

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 28:1-2, 6-9

*Pastor:* To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

*People:* **Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

*People:* **The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMNS OF PRAISE 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

**Refrain**  
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  
**Refrain**

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  
**Refrain**

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

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord  
Who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth;  
Hast Thou not seen,  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord  
Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee.  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:11 – 21

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup> We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup> For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. 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.

2. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

**Chorus**  
O the wonderful cross!  
O the wonderful cross!  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live!  
O the wonderful cross!  
O the wonderful cross!  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God you know my heart better than I know my own heart. There are various ways in which I have practiced deceit in my heart and gratified my own flesh while outwardly paying lip service to you and your commands. Search me O Lord and show me the error of my ways. Purge me of the sin which lays siege on my heart and reveal to me the things which I am willingly and unwillingly blind to, in the depths of my heart. Lead me to worship you in word, thought, and deed with every ounce of my being. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

**Chorus**  
It is well with my soul  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

2. Tho' Satan should buffet  
Tho' trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul  
**Chorus**

The Wonderful Cross

3. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!  
**Chorus**

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.

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It Is Well With My Soul

3. My sin, O the bliss  
Of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul  
**Chorus**

4. And Lord haste the day  
When the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound  
And the Lord shall descend  
Even so it is well with my soul  
**Chorus 2X**

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERING *Mercy VBS Children's Choir*

*(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for "Equip for Worship" at the end of the song.  
Visitors' children are welcome.)*

### SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 15:1-12

<sup>1</sup> After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. <sup>2</sup> And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," <sup>3</sup> Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you." <sup>4</sup> Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice." <sup>5</sup> And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. <sup>6</sup> Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the LORD, in Hebron." <sup>8</sup> For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram, saying, "If the LORD will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to the LORD." <sup>9</sup> The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron. <sup>10</sup> But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!'" <sup>11</sup> With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing. <sup>12</sup> And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

### SERMON "Absalom's Rebellion" - Rev. Bryan Rigg

## HYMN OF RESPONSE 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  
Jesus Christ is the Lord  
Jesus Christ is the Lord*

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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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