

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

Pastor: Come into his presence with singing!

People: **Know that the LORD, he is God!**

Pastor: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

Pastor: Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

People: **And his faithfulness to all generations.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart:  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Chorus  
O God be my everything, be my delight  
Be Jesus, my glory, my soul satisfied  
REPEAT CHORUS

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.  
Chorus 2X

READING FROM THE GOSPELS John 21:15-19

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." <sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

SONG OF CONFESSION Lord, I Need You

1. Lord I come, I confess  
Bowing here, I find my rest  
And without You, I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus  
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh, God, how I need You

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus  
(Bridge)  
So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay  
Chorus 2X  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. We are but sheep, prone to wander astray and quick to turn our own way. You promise eternal life, but often we run down paths that lead to death. You say none will snatch us from your hand, though at times we wrestle against your grip. Yet you have called us, and we have heard your voice. Forgive us for the many times we have scattered from you. And we thank you, for as often as we do, you gather us back to yourself.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 10:14-15

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

1. Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name.  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by His grace and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He presents our souls to God

3. Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God.

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store,  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more.  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)

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

*1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still, still waters  
His goodness restores my soul*

#### **Chorus**

*And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home*

*2. He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup, it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights  
Chorus*

*3. And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know  
Chorus*

*For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

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## SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup>not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. <sup>5</sup>Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

*Pastor: Faith comes from hearing.*

**People: And hearing through the word of Christ**

## SERMON

**"How Jesus Cares for the Church: Shepherds"**

**- Rev. Rob Edwards**

## HYMN OF RESPONSE Before the Throne

### **Refrain**

*Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise the One  
Risen Son of God!*

*1. Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Whoever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart*

*2. When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me  
Refrain*

*3. Behold Him there the Risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of Glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
Refrain 2X*

## BENEDICTION

### Hebrews 13:20-21

*Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## 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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