

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP      **Philippians 2:9-11**

*Pastor:* Being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to 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 ADORATION

HYMNS 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.*

*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.  
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Amazing Grace

*1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see*

*2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed*

*3. Through many dangers toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home*

*4. When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun*

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READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT      **Psalm 8**

*<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. <sup>2</sup>Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.*

*<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup>what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?*

*<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup>You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, <sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup>the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

*<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Almighty and gracious God, you alone are exalted, creator of heaven and earth. And yet you have created us each in your likeness, crowning us with glory and honor. But we have belittled both ourselves and others. In our every sin, we damage ourselves as we disparage your image. And when we demean another, it is an attack upon you, since they bear your likeness. Forgive us for the many ways we exalt ourselves at the expense of others, instead of recognizing the glory that is ours as those who share your image. And open our eyes to your loving care, revealed in Christ Jesus your Son, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON      **Matthew 1:21**

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE      **How Great Thou Art**

*1. Oh Lord My God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

**Chorus**

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
The sings my soul my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

*2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin.  
Chorus*

*3. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!  
Chorus 2X*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERING      **How Deep the Father's Love For Us**

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

*1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He would 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!*

*3. I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
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!*

*2. Behold the Man upon the 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.*

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I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom!*

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### READING OF GOD'S WORD      **Hebrews 2:5-18**

*<sup>5</sup> For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> It has been testified somewhere,*

*"What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? <sup>7</sup> You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup> putting everything in subjection under his feet."*

*Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup> But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

*<sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying,*

*"I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."*

*<sup>13</sup> And again, "I will put my trust in him."*

*And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."*

*<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

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

*Pastor: Faith comes from hearing*

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

### SERMON      "The Champion of our Salvation" - Rev. Rob Edwards

### HYMN OF RESPONSE      Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply. Alleluia!*

*2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise: Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!*

*3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save: Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise: Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

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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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