

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40:9, 13-14, 28, 31

Leader: Go up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald the good news; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

People: Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD or what man shows him his counsel? Whom did he consult, and who made him understand?

Leader: Have you not known? Have you know heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

People: They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

HYMN OF ADORATION

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!  
Chorus

Chorus

Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare.  
Come let us adore Him!

(Bridge)  
Men: You will reign forever  
Women echo: (Let Your glory fill the earth)  
(REPEAT 4X)  
Chorus 2X

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?  
Chorus

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PRAYER OF ADORATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for a children's Bible lesson during the last stanza. Visitors' children are welcome.)

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON

"Even Greater Works Than These?"

-Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKS

Come Thou Almighty King

1. Come Thou Almighty King  
Help us Thy Name to sing  
Help us to praise  
Father all glorious  
O'er all victorious  
Come and reign over us...  
Ancient of Days

3. Come holy Comforter  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour  
Thou Who almighty art  
Now rule in every heart  
And ne'er from us depart...  
Spirit of power

2. Come Thou incarnate Word  
Gird on Thy mighty Sword  
Our prayer attend  
Come and Thy people bless  
And give Thy Word success  
Spirit of holiness...  
On us descend

4. To Thee great One in Three  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore  
Thy sovereign Majesty  
May we in glory see  
And to eternity  
Love and adore

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Father, we doubt your love and resist your discipline, though you've promised to work all things for our good in Christ Jesus. Glorious Son, you humbled yourself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. And yet we belittle your suffering as we persist in our sins, rather than taking up our cross to follow you. Holy Spirit, you are the seal of our salvation as you enliven us in Christ. And yet we grieve you in our lack of unity and our refusal to forgive others. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Bear with us, we pray, in your steadfast love. Forgive our sins, and bring your great work of redemption to completion, for the glory of your name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### When Love Came Down

1. When Love came down to earth  
And made His home with men  
The hopeless found a hope  
The sinner found a friend  
Not to the powerful  
But to the poor He came  
And humble hungry hearts  
Were satisfied again

#### Chorus

What joy, what peace, has come to us  
What hope, what help, what love

2. When ev'ry unclean thought  
And every sinful deed  
Was scourged upon His back  
And hammered through His feet  
The innocent is cursed  
The guilty are released  
The punishment of God  
On God has brought me peace  
Chorus

3. Come lay your heavy load  
Down at the Master's feet  
Your shame will be removed  
Your joy will be complete  
Come crucify your pride  
And enter as a child  
For those who bow down low  
He'll lift up to His side  
Chorus 2X  
What love!

Author: Stuart Townend

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### A Mighty Fortress

1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our Helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient Foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be:  
Christ Jesus it is He;  
Lord Sabbaoth His name,  
from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

3. And though this world with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed,  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

4. That word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever!

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### The Church's One Foundation

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life, He died

2. Elect from ev'ry nation  
Yet one o'er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth  
One holy Name she blesses  
Partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued

3. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation,  
Of peace for evermore.  
Till with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blessed  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

4. Yet she on earth hath union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won,  
O happy ones and holy  
Lord give us grace that we,  
Like them the meek and lowly  
On high may dwell with Thee.

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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

*“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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