

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Ezekiel 36:26-27, 36

Leader: *I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

People: *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*

Leader: *I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF GATHERING 10,000 Reasons

Chorus

*Bless the Lord, O my soul. O my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

*1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
Chorus*

*2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Chorus*

*3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore
Chorus 2X*

(ENDING)

I'll worship Your holy name

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen

HYMN OF CONFESSION

*1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.*

*2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.*

*3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.*

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Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

*4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.*

*5. Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.*

*6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and Gracious Lord, we have grieved your Spirit in gratifying the desires of the flesh. You have made us alive together with Christ. Yet we continue in our former manner of life, with falsehood, anger, theft, corrupting talk, sensuality, slander, and malice. Increase our longing for the likeness of Christ, that we may speak the truth in love, labor to share with those in need, perform deeds that display grace, forgiving one another as you in Christ have forgiven us. Fill us with the fruit of your Spirit, replacing the works of the flesh, with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. For the glory of your name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

HYMN OF ASSURANCE The Love of Christ is Rich and Free

*1. The love of Christ is rich and free
Fixed on His own eternally
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove
Long as He lives, His own He'll love*

*2. His loving heart engaged to be
Their everlasting surety
'Twas love that took their cause in hand
And love maintains it to the end.*

Chorus

*Love cannot from its post withdraw
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law
Can turn the Surety's heart away
He'll love His own to endless day.*

*3. Love has redeemed His sheep with blood
And love will bring them safe to God
Love calls them all from death to life
And love will finish all their strife*

*4. He loves through every changing scene,
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean
Not all the wanderings of her heart
Can make His love for her depart
Chorus*

*5. At death, beyond the grave, He'll love
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
Which never could from them remove
Which never could from them remove.*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION **Jesus With Thy Church Abide**

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

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*

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*

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*

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

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SCRIPTURE READING **John 14:12-26**

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me^{a1} anything in my name, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

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

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON **"Welcomed into Fellowship with the Triune God"**
- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE **Praise Him! Praise Him!**

1. *Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children
In His arms He carries them all day long*

Chorus

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song*

2. *Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
For our sins He suffered and bled and died
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong
Chorus*

3. *Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong
Chorus
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song*

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BENEDICTION **2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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!

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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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