

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 49:6, 13

Leader: He says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel."

People: "I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Leader: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

4. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall,
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

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OLD & NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Revelation 7:9-12

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

HYMN OF PRAISE Your Great Name We Praise

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

1. Immortal, invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most holy, most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise

2. Unresting, unchanging
And silent as light
Not wanting or wasting
You rule us in might
Your justice like mountains
High soaring above
Your clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

CHORUS
Most Holy, Most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise

3. All life comes from You Lord
To both great and small
In all life You live Lord,
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish,
But quickly grow frail
We wither and perish,
But You never fail.
Chorus

4. Great Father of glory,
Pure Father of light
Your angels adore You
All veiling their sight
All praise we will render
Oh Father of grace
Till one day in splendor
We see face to face.
Chorus 2X

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON "Tensions with Transitions" -Rev. Rob Edwards

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING O Great God

1. O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

2. I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joy
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

3. Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world. And yet we think more of ourselves than of your salvation that extends to the ends of the earth. Though we confess that one has died for all, we continue to live for ourselves, rather than for you, who for our sake died and was raised. Through your Spirit, we pray, make us fit ambassadors for your kingdom. Renew us evermore, that we might no longer regard others according to the flesh, but participate instead in your ministry of reconciliation, through which you are reconciling the world to yourself, not counting our trespasses against us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

THE LORD'S SUPPER Who is This, So Weak and Helpless

*1. Who is this so weak and helpless
Child of lowly Hebrew maid
Rudely in a stable shelter
Coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation
Who this wondrous path has trod
He is Lord from everlasting
And to everlasting God*

*3. Who is this? Behold Him shedding
Drops of blood upon the ground
Who is this, despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'Tis our God, who gifts and graces
On His church is pouring down
Who shall smite in holy vengeance
All His foes beneath His throne*

*2. Who is this a Man of Sorrows
Walking sadly life's hard way
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior
Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place preparing
Where no tear can dim the eye*

*4. Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns
Numbered with the malefactors
Torn with nails and crowned with thorns?
'Tis our God who lives forever
'Mid the shining ones on high
In the glorious golden city
Reigning everlastingly
'Tis our God who lives forever
'Mid the shining ones on high
In the glorious golden city
Reigning everlastingly*

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How Deep the Father's Love

*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!*

*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.*

*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!*

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I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
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HYMN OF RESPONSE All Glory, Laud and Honor

*1. All glory laud and honor
To Thee Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring
Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest
The King and Blessed One*

*2. The people of the Hebrew
With palms before thee went
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present
To Thee before Thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise*

*3. Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King
All glory laud and honor
To Thee Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!*

*Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
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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!

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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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