

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP      **Isaiah 57:15**

Pastor: For thus says that One who is high and lifted up.

**People: Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy.**

Pastor: “I dwell in the high and holy places, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit.”

**People: “To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

**The Solid Rock**

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
Chorus

**Chorus**

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
Chorus (twice)

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2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil,  
Chorus

NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

HYMN OF PRAISE

**A Mighty Fortress**

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

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.

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

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.

4. That word above all earthly pow'r,  
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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SCRIPTURE READING

**James 3:13-4:10**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Romans 10:17**

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

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

SERMON

**“The Features that Define You”**

**-Rev. Rob Edwards**

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HYMN OF THANKS      **Jesus, Thank You**

1. The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend, the agonies of Calvary .  
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son,  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

**Chorus**

Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You.  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.  
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You.

2. By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.  
Your enemy You've made Your friend.  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.  
Chorus

(BRIDGE)

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You. (Sing 4X)

Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You.  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.  
Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You.  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You.  
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

**1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Matthew 5:9**

Leader: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

**People: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 18:25a, 27

With the merciful you show yourself merciful. For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes, you bring down.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER There Is A Hope

1. There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part, yet drives all doubt away.  
I stand in Christ with sins forgiv'n and Christ in me the hope of heav'n.  
My highest calling, and my deepest joy, to make His will my home

2. There is a hope that lifts my weary head;  
A consolation, strong against despair  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Savior there.  
Through present suff'rings, future's fear, He whispers courage in my ear;  
For I am safe in everlasting arms, and they will lead me home.

3. There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine, when I behold His face.  
When suff'rings cease, and sorrows die, and ev'ry longing satisfied;  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, for I am truly home.

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## 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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## HYMN OF RESPONSE Your Great Name We Praise

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, unhasting  
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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## 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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