

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP **Isaiah 40:3-5, Proverbs 3:5-6**

Pastor: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

People: "Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain."

Pastor: "And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

People: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Pastor: In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN 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.

Chorus
O God be my everything, be my delight
Be Jesus, my glory, my soul satisfied
REPEAT CHORUS

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. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.
Chorus 2X

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READING FROM THE GOSPELS **Luke 12:13-21**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.' ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

HYMN OF CONFESSION **I Boast No More**

1. No more, my God, I boast no more
Of all the duties I have done;
I quit the hopes I held before,
To trust the merits of Thy Son

Chorus
No more my God,
No more my God,
No more my God,
I boast no more.

2. Now, for the loss I bear His name,
What was my gain I count my loss;
My former pride I call my shame,
And nail my glory to His cross.
Chorus

3. Yes, and I must and will esteem
All things but loss for Jesus' sake;
O may my soul be found in Him,
And of His righteousness partake!
Chorus

4. The best obedience of my hands
Dares not appear before Thy throne;
But faith can answer Thy demands,
By pleading what my Lord has done.
Chorus 2X

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal Father, pardon all my sins, of omission and commission, of morose and angry tempers, of lip, life and walk. Forgive my hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption, and pride; my unfaithfulness to others, my lack of bold decision in the cause of Christ, my deficient zeal for his glory, and for bringing dishonor upon your great name. Forgive my injustice and untruthfulness in my dealings with others; my covetousness, which is idolatry, for possessions I've hoarded or squandered, and not consecrated to your glory, as the great Giver. Pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten. Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Isaiah 1:18**

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE **And Can It Be**

1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me who caused His pain
For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
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That Thou my God shouldst die for me

2. He left His Father's throne above
So free so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed Thee
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

4. No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION **Psalms 73**

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

1. Surely God is good to all the pure in heart
But as for me, my feet had almost slipped
I nearly lost my grip
For I envied the arrogant
They are free from my burdens

2. Surely I, in vain have kept my, my heart pure
And surely they are strong and free from trials
While I am so confused
Then I entered Your holy place
Then I saw their destiny

3. Surely, they're cast down as those on slippery ground
As dreams fade when we wake, so they become
Completely swept away
In my heart I was arrogant
Like a beast before You

4. Yet always You are near, You guide me by Your Word
And always, my Lord God, You are my strength
My portion You will be
You're my refuge, my Sovereign Lord. I will sing of Your awesome deeds

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SCRIPTURE READING James 4:13-5:6

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— ¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

¹ Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ² Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴ Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

**SERMON “The Measure for What Matters”
- Rev. Rob Edwards**

HYMN OF RESPONSE Jesus Shall Reign

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run
His kingdom spread from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more

2. For Him shall endless prayer be made
And praises throng to crown His head
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice

3. People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all the sons of want are blessed

5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeats the loud amen

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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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