

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 22:27; 18:49; Isaiah 2:3, 5

Pastor: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

**People: For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name.**

Pastor: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths!

**People: Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**GATHERING HYMN** Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

1. Brethren, we have met to worship  
And adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power,  
While we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit  
Of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.

3. Sisters, will you join and help us?  
Moses' sister aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners  
Who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior  
Tell them that He will be found;  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.

2. Brethren, see poor sinners 'round you  
Slumb'ring on the brink of woe;  
Death is coming, hell is moving  
Can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers and our mothers  
And our children sinking down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
Will be showered all around.

4. Let us love our God supremely,  
Let us love each other too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners  
Till our God makes all things new.  
Then He'll call us home to heaven,  
At His table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us  
With sweet manna all around  
With sweet manna all around

Brethren, we have met to worship  
And adore the Lord our God.

**READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Luke 15:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

**HYMN OF CONFESSION**

1. How sweet and awesome is the place  
With Christ within the doors  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores

2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues  
Lord why was I a guest?

3. Why was I made to hear Thy voice  
And enter while there's room  
When thousands make a wretched choice  
And rather starve than come?

4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in  
Else we had still refused to taste  
And perished in our sin

**How Sweet and Awesome**

5. Pity the nations, O our God  
Constrain the earth to come  
Send Thy victorious Word abroad  
And bring the strangers home

6. We long to see Thy churches full  
That all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul  
Sing Thy redeeming grace

While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues  
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues  
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

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**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Lord Jesus, you call us to enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide, and the way is wide and easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. But the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. Yet we confess that we are prone to wander. To suit our own passions, we turn away from listening to the truth, wandering off into myths. And so by your Spirit, make us open to correction that we may humbly rejoice in your salvation, ready to teach others your way, that together we would return to you.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Psalm 85:2, 7

Leader: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

**People: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE**

1. What wondrous love is this  
O my soul, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

2. When I was sinking down  
Sinking down, sinking down  
When I was sinking down, sinking down  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

Chorus  
What wondrous love is this (4X)

**What Wondrous Love is This**

3. To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the Great I Am  
While millions join the theme I will sing  
While millions join the theme I will sing  
Chorus

4. And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing his love for me  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on  
Chorus (6X)

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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.)*

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| 1. Jesus with Thy church abide<br>Be her Savior Lord and Guide<br>While on earth her faith is tried<br>We beseech Thee hear us<br>We beseech Thee hear us | 3. May she one in doctrine be<br>One in truth and charity<br>Winning all to faith in Thee<br>We beseech Thee hear us<br>We beseech Thee hear us ...                                     |
| 2. Keep her life and doctrine pure<br>Grant her patience to endure<br>Trusting in Thy promise sure<br>We beseech Thee hear us<br>We beseech Thee hear us  | 4. May she guide the poor and blind<br>Seek the lost until she find<br>And the broken-hearted bind<br>We beseech Thee hear us<br>We beseech Thee hear us<br>We beseech Thee hear us ... |

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### SCRIPTURE READING      **James 5:19-20**

<sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

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

**SERMON      "Our Role with Wanderers"  
- Rev. Rob Edwards**

### HYMN OF RESPONSE      **There is a Fountain**

1. There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains
2. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day  
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away  
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away
3. Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more  
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more
4. When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave  
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save  
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save  
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save  
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

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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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