

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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EASTER SUNDAY

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Peter 1:3-5

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of the dead!

Pastor: To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

All: Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed at the last time.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia!  
Sing ye heavens and earth reply. Alleluia!

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids His rise: Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save: Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise: Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:1, 6-9

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

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.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

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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CONFESSION OF SIN Romans 6:10-11

Leader: For the death he died, he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

People: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 53:10

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death;  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### HYMN OF PREPARATION Christ is Risen

(Children ages 4-5 are dismissed for “Equip for Worship” during the last stanza.  
Visitors’ children are welcome.)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave . . .	3. And on the day You call me in To heaven's sweet embrace I'll see Your scars, Your open arms The beauty of Your face Through tears of joy I'll lift my voice In everlasting praise Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave Chorus And all throughout eternity Our song will be the same Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave . . . And on the day You call me in To heaven's sweet embrace I'll see Your scars, Your open arms The beauty of Your face Through tears of joy I'll lift my voice In everlasting praise Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave
2. The prodigal is welcomed home The sinner now a saint For the God who died came back to life And everything has changed Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave Chorus O death where is your sting? O fear where is your power? The mighty King of kings has disarmed you Delivered and redeemed, eternal life is ours O praise His name forever Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave And all throughout eternity Our song will be the same Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave . . .	<i>Authors: Brian Johnson / Mack Brock / Phil Wickham © 2017 Capitol CMG Paragon, Jetfighter Music, Phil Wickham Music, Simply Global Songs, Sing My Songs, Bethel Music Publishing</i>

### SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 21-23, 45-49

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

<sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

<sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

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

### SERMON “Not this Life, but a New Life” - Rev. Rob Edwards

### HYMN OF RESPONSE Jesus Has Risen

1. Jesus has risen, He has risen indeed  
Jesus has spoken His name for all our needs  
Jesus is walking full of wounds and full of grace  
Turn to this Redeemer, His blood to make your place

Chorus (2x): Men: He is risen (women: Alleluia...)  
Men: He is reigning (Alleluia...)  
Men: He is ruling (Alleluia...)  
Men: He is King of Kings (Alleluia...)

2. Let the echoes of the empty tomb rise up in our praise  
Let the shadows of the empty cross remind us He is raised.  
Let the fervent prayers of the gathered saints urge us in the fight  
Let the peace of Christ when spoken out fill us with His might.

Chorus  
Jesus has risen, He has risen indeed

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### BENEDICTION Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### 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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