

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 99:1-3, 9

*Pastor: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!*

*People: The LORD is great in Zion; his is exalted over all the peoples.*

*Pastor: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!*

*People: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

**Chorus**

*Rejoice and sing  
to God, our Lord, our King.  
Lift up and praise His name,  
Alleluia, alleluia.*

*1. Come Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice  
Before His throne rejoice.  
Praise is His gracious choice:  
Alleluia! Amen!*

**Come Christians Join To Sing**

*2. Come lift your hearts on high,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend;  
To us He'll condescend.  
His love shall never end:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Chorus  
3. Praise yet our Christ again,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Chorus (twice)*

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21:1-7

*<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

*<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."*

HYMN OF CONFESSION

*1. Beams of heaven as I go,  
Through the wilderness below,  
Guide my feet in peaceful ways,  
Turn my midnights into days.  
When in the darkness I would grope,  
Faith always sees a star of hope,  
And soon from all life's grief and danger  
I shall be free someday.  
I shall be free someday, I'll be free,*

*2. Often times my sky is clear,  
Joy abounds without a tear;  
Though a day so bright begun,  
Clouds may hide tomorrow's sun.  
There'll be a day that's always bright,  
A day that never yields to night,  
And in its light the streets of glory  
I shall behold someday.  
I shall behold someday, I'll behold,*

Beams of Heaven

*3. Harder yet may be the fight;  
Right may often yield to might;  
Wickedness a while may reign;  
Satan's cause may seem to gain.  
But there's a God that rules above  
With hand of power and heart of love;  
And if I'm right, he'll fight my battle,  
I shall have peace someday.  
I shall have peace someday, I'll have peace.*

*4. Burdens now may crush me down,  
Disappointments all around;  
Troubles speak in mournful sigh,  
Sorrow through a tear-stained eye.  
There is a world where pleasure reigns,  
No mourning soul shall roam its plains,  
And in that land of peace and glory  
I shall be home someday.  
I shall be home someday.  
I shall be home someday,  
I shall be home someday, I'll be home.*

*Authors: Words - Charles Albert Tinley (ca 1906);  
Music - Will Wingate (2012)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:5-6

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Crown Him with Many Crowns

*1. Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.*

*2. Crown Him the Lord of love;  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.*

*3. Crown Him the Lord of peace;  
Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole,  
That wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end;  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.*

*4. Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave;  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.*

*Authors: George Job Elvey & Matthew Bridges*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### HYMN OF THANKS      How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

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

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| <i>1. How sweet and awesome is the place<br/>With Christ within the doors<br/>While everlasting love displays<br/>The choicest of her stores</i>       | <i>5. Pity the nations, O our God<br/>Constrain the earth to come<br/>Send Thy victorious Word abroad<br/>And bring the strangers home</i>   |
| <i>2. While all our hearts and all our songs<br/>Join to admire the feast<br/>Each of us cry, with thankful tongues<br/>Lord why was I a guest?</i>    | <i>6. We long to see Thy churches full<br/>That all the chosen race<br/>May, with one voice and heart and soul<br/>Sing Thy redeeming grace</i>  |
| <i>3. Why was I made to hear Thy voice<br/>And enter while there's room<br/>When thousands make a wretched choice<br/>And rather starve than come?</i> | <i>While all our hearts and all our songs<br/>Join to admire the feast,<br/>Each of us cry, with thankful tongues<br/>Each of us cry, with thankful tongues<br/>"Lord, why was I a guest?"</i> |
| <i>4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast<br/>That sweetly drew us in<br/>Else we had still refused to taste<br/>And perished in our sin</i>     | <i>Authors: Words by Isaac Watts,<br/>Tune based on St. Columbia<br/>© Public Domain</i>   |

### SCRIPTURE READING      Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup> For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

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

*Pastor: Faith comes from hearing*

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

### SERMON      "A Demeanor that Fits our Destination" - Rev. Rob Edwards

### HYMN OF RESPONSE      Rejoice the Lord is King

*1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
And triumph ever more*

**Refrain**  
*Lift up your heart  
Lift up your voice  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*2. Jesus the Savior reigns  
The God of truth and love  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above  
Refrain*

*3. His kingdom cannot fail  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n  
Refrain*

*4. Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord the Judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home  
Refrain 2X*

*Authors: Words by Charles Wesley;  
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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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