

MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 12:2-6

Pastor: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

People: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Pastor: “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

People: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF GATHERING

1. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's name comest
The King and Blessed One!

2. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our prayer and praise and anthems
Before Thee we present
To Thee before Thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise

All Glory, Laud and Honor

3. Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
(repeat)

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5-13

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

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, your prophets tell us that what people revere they resemble, for their restoration or their ruin. You call us to revere, to have as first importance, to center our lives on the person and work of your Son that we might be conformed to his likeness for the glory of your grace. We confess that too often our hearts revere what the world tells us is life giving, joy stirring and hope providing. Forgive us, for instead of experiencing the restoration for which you redeemed us, our affections remain mired in the rubble and ruin of our former life. For the sake of Christ and by the power of your Spirit expand our preoccupation with Christ and the marvels of your grace in which we daily live and move. In the marvelous, heart-centering Name of Jesus we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Power of the Cross / When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

2. Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Chorus

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

3. Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry
Chorus

4. Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love, what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross
REPEAT

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

2. Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all
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Demands my soul, my life, my all

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RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISM

Stuart Blakely

Matt Van Alstine

Violet Forshey

Glynn Joshua

Lynn Joshua

Mel Huffman

Austin Jacobsen

Kim Waterman

Gloria Wray

David Bruce

Stephen Joshua

Michael Joshua

John Johnston

Lizzie Jacobsen

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION Rejoice the Lord Is King

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

*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*

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SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 15:1-11

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

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON

"The Miracle of Miracles"

- Rev. Keith Peck

SONG 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

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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