

**MERCY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 52:7, 54:10, 55:12

Pastor: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness.

People: **Who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"**

Pastor: "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

People: **For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Before the Throne

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
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READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 7:1-5

¹"Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

1. For all the saints
Who from their labor's rest
To Thee by faith
Before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus
Be forever blessed
Alleluia allelu...

2. Thou wast their Rock,
Their fortress, and their might;
Thou Lord, their Captain
In the well fought fight;
In dreary darkness,
Thou their one true light.
Alleluia allelu...

3. O may thy soldiers
Faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the
Victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia allelu...

For All the Saints

4. The golden evening
brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful
Warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of
Paradise the blest,
Alleluia allelu...

5. But lo! There breaks
A yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant
Rise in bright array;
The King of glory
Passes on His way,
Alleluia allelu...

6. From earth's wide bounds,
From ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams
In the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia alleluia.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 51:1, 3-4, 10, 12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

People: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE Praise Him! Praise Him!

1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory
Strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children
In His arms He carries them all day long

Chorus

Praise Him! Praise Him!
Tell of His excellent greatness
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song

2. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
For our sins He suffered and bled and died
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong
Chorus

3. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong
Chorus
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF PREPARATION Psalm 62

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

1. My soul finds rest in God alone
My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken
Though lips may bless and hearts may
curse
And lies like arrows pierce me
I'll fix my heart on righteousness
I'll look to Him who hears me

Chorus

O praise Him, hallelujah
My Delight and my Reward
Everlasting, never failing
My Redeemer, my God

2. Find rest my soul in God alone
Amid the world's temptations
When evil seeks to take a hold
I'll cling to my salvation
Though riches come and riches go
Don't set your heart upon them
The fields of hope in which I sow
Are harvested in heaven
Chorus

3. I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely
With every day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy
Though life is but a fleeting breath
A sigh too brief to measure
My King has crushed the curse of
death
And I am His forever
Chorus 2X

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My rock and my salvation
A fortress strong against my foes
And I will not be shaken

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SCRIPTURE READING James 4:11-12, 5:7-12

¹¹ Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Romans 10:17

Pastor: Faith comes from hearing

People: And hearing through the word of Christ.

SERMON

"Judge Not: Widely Affirmed, Rarely Practiced"
- Rev. Rob Edwards

HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Sands of Time are Sinking

1. The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for -
The fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

2. The king there in His beauty,
Without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey,
Though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army,
Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land

3. O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted
More deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land.

4. The bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory
But on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory
Of Emmanuel's land.

5. O I am my Beloved's
And my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine
I stand upon His merit -
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Emmanuel's land
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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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