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## Order of Worship

March 10, 2024

### Reflection

God is not disillusioned with us; he had no illusions to begin with!  
Knowing us perfectly, he still loves us relentlessly.

- David Cassidy

### Prelude

*As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.*

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 100*

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence  
with singing!**

Minister: Know that the LORD, he is God!

**People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people,  
the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with  
praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures  
forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### Song

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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, 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!

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!"

### Prayer of Adoration

God of majesty and light, you hold the whole world in your hand, so we give you our great praise that in Jesus Christ all people may see your glory. We thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son and for claiming our lives in baptism to be his glad disciples. By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us, that we may follow him with grateful hearts. Take us and all we have to be useful in your service. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

*The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 60*

Minister: How are you (made) right with God?

**All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.**

Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, God of all Glory and Grace, You have loved us with an unmatched love, Yet we often fail to obey, follow, and love you. You gave us everything in giving us your only Son, yet we forget you and hold things back from you. You have shown us kindness, patience, and grace, yet we struggle with being unkind, impatient, and unforgiving. Father, forgive us. In your grace, continue to change us; and help us by your Spirit, to make us more like Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Private Confession

Song

*Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted*

Come ye souls by, sin afflicted,  
Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down.  
By the broken, law convicted,  
Through the cross, behold the crown.  
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus;  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy, yoke and wear it;  
Love will make your, obedience sweet.  
Christ will give you, strength to bear it  
While His grace, shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory,  
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the, eyes that see Him,  
Blest the ears that, hear His voice;  
Blessed are the, souls that trust Him,  
And in Him, alone rejoice;  
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments  
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,  
Light to newly, opened eyes,  
Like full springs in, deserts dreary  
Is the rest, the cross supplies.

All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus;  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Words of Pardon and Comfort

*Ephesians 1:7*

In Jesus Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Song

*Mighty to Save*

Everyone needs compassion,  
Love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a Savior.  
The Hope of nations.

Chorus:

Savior, He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save.  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave.  
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me,  
All my fears and failures.

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow,  
Everything I believe in.  
Now I surrender. (Chorus)

Shine your light,  
And let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory  
Of the risen King, Jesus!  
Shine your light,  
And let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory  
Of the risen King. (Chorus)

*(Children through Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's  
Church; they will return for Communion.)*

Prayer of Intercession *Concluded by the Lord's Prayer*  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory forever. Amen.**

High Desert Highlights  
Prayer of Dedication

*See 'Church Life' on page 16*

Offertory

*If you have a financial gift, you may place it in the offering plate, located on the information table. Donations can also be given electronically; see [highdesertpca.com](http://highdesertpca.com) for more information.*

Scripture

*James 5:7-12*

Sermon

*Rev. Dan Rose*

*“Patience”*

*A Faith That Works: The Book of James*

Song

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight

Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last (Chorus)

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, the Lord's Supper (also called Communion or The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat the bread and drink the elements. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate.*

*If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer (see Prayers on*



*page 15) and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ.*

*We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are offered. Gluten-free bread is also available.*

### Words of Institution

### Memorial Acclamation

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

Minister: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Song

*Just As I Am*

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,

Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Song

*Have Your Way*

Have Your way with me, O God  
In the temple of my heart  
Let reverent love and holy awe  
Be lifted unto You  
The truth my inmost being claim  
Til sin and shadows flee away  
Teach my feet to love Your ways  
And run the way You choose

Have Your way with me, O Lord  
Sin's pleasures I cannot afford  
They left me destitute and poor  
Now all I want is Christ  
A passion for the gospel burns  
To love Your bride, the holy church

Wash me with Your blood and Word  
Til I am sanctified

Holy Spirit, have Your way  
I look to You for strength and faith  
I need Your presence and Your grace  
To persevere this hour  
Complete in me what You've begun  
Keep me by Your sovereign love  
In my weakness, Spirit, come  
And fill me with Your power

Jesus, have Your way with me  
You bled for all who would believe  
Let my life become a seed  
And give me grace to die  
Display through my surrendered life  
Your selfless love and sacrifice  
Until Your glory fills the sky  
Be praised and glorified

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Song

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

Chorus:

I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more. (Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest? (Chorus)

Benediction

Postlude

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## Prayers

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth:* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief:* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin:* Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment:* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.