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## Order of Worship

April 27, 2025

### Reflection

A proverb is like hard candy. If you just bite down on it, you get little out of it and may even get a broken tooth. Instead you must meditate on it until the sweetness of insight comes.

- Tim Keller

### 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

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise,  
shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice,  
in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus: Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above,  
for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love,  
His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds He bears;  
received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers;  
they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!" (Chorus)

My God is reconciled;  
His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry. (Chorus)

### Prayer of Adoration

Our God, we, your people, rejoice in your unfailing love and the beauty of your matchless character. We delight to think of you, to increasingly order our lives around you, and to make you the object of our highest affections. Be pleased today to unfold afresh the glorious mysteries of your gospel. Work in us that we may genuinely bow our hearts before you, Jesus, who upon the cross won for us the freedom that is ours today. We adore you, our glorious King and together exalt your magnificent name. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism, Q.17*

Minister: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

**All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.**

Gloria Patri

*Meineke*

Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be:  
World without end,  
Amen, Amen!

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We confess that we have not bowed before Jesus or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory.**

**We confess that we overlook those Jesus sought—the poor, the hungry and those who mourn. Our ears are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy! Lord, revive us! Bring new, resurrection life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hardhearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom that comes from the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Private Confession

Song

*Not What My Hands Have Done*

Not what my hands have done  
Can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne  
Can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do  
Can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers,  
And sighs and tears  
Can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ,  
Can ease this weight of sin  
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God,  
Can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me O God,

Not mine, O Lord, to Thee  
Can rid me of  
This dark unrest,  
And set my spirit free!

Thy grace alone, O God,  
To me can pardon speak;  
Thy power alone O Son of God,  
Can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save Thine,  
No other blood will do,  
No strength save that,  
Which is divine,  
Can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God;  
I rest on love divine;  
And with unfaltering lip and heart,  
I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt,  
I bury in His tomb  
My unbelief,  
And all my fear,  
Each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace,  
I trust His truth and might  
He calls me His, I call Him mine,  
My God, my joy, my light

Tis He Who saveth me,  
And freely pardon gives  
I love because  
He loveth me,  
I live because He lives!

Words of Pardon and Comfort *Lamentations 3:22-23*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies  
never come to an end; they are new every morning; Great  
is his faithfulness!

Song

*I am Resolved*

I am resolved no longer to linger  
Charmed by the world's delight  
Things that are higher  
Things that are nobler  
These have allured my sight

Chorus:

I will hasten to Him  
Hasten so glad and free  
Jesus greatest highest  
I will come to Thee

I am resolved to go to the Savior  
Leaving my sin and strife  
He is the true one  
He is the just one  
He hath the words of life (Chorus)

I am resolved to follow the Savior  
Faithful and true each day  
Heed what He sayeth  
Do what He willeth  
He is the living way (Chorus)

I am resolved to enter the kingdom  
Leaving the paths of sin  
Friends may oppose me  
Foes may beset me  
Still will I enter in (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    *See 'Church Life' on page 16*

Prayer of Dedication



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 [highdeserttpca.com](http://highdeserttpca.com) for more information.*

Scripture

*Proverbs 1:1-7*

Sermon

*Rev. Dan Rose*

*“The Fear of the LORD”  
Proverbs: Words That Make Wise*

Song

*Broken Vessels*

All these pieces  
Broken and scattered  
In mercy gathered  
Mended and whole  
Empty handed  
But not forsaken  
I've been set free  
I've been set free

Chorus:  
Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
Oh, I once was lost  
But now I am found  
Was blind but now I see

Oh, I can see You now  
Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down  
Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure  
You take our weakness  
You set Your treasure  
In jars of clay  
So take this heart, Lord  
I'll be Your vessel  
The world to see Your life in me (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

*Jesus, Messiah*

He became sin, who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus:

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love  
The whole earth trembled  
And the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing (Chorus)

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God,  
The Light of the world (Chorus)

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all  
The Lord of all, the Lord of all

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Lord God, in deep gratitude for this meal, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. Lord, may we live to your glory, both as sojourners on earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

Song

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

“Man of sorrows!” what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude  
In my place condemned He stood  
Sealed my pardon with His blood  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we  
Spotless Lamb of God was He  
Full atonement! Can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die  
“It is finished!” was His cry  
Now in Heav’n exalted high  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King  
All His ransomed home to bring  
Then anew His song we’ll sing  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

### 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.