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## Order of Worship

May 17, 2026

### Reflection

By *free will* not one person can be saved.  
But by *free grace* many will be saved.

- Martin Luther

### Prelude

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

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 145*

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**People: There is no end to his greatness.**

Leader: One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.

**People: All your works praise you, Lord, and your  
faithful servants bless you.**

### Song

*Beautiful One*

Wonderful, so wonderful, is Your unfailing love.

Your cross has spoken mercy over me.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,

No heart could fully know

How glorious, how beautiful You are.

Chorus:  
Beautiful One, I love,  
Beautiful One, I adore,  
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies,  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.  
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing.  
How marvelous, how wonderful You are. (Chorus)

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew.  
You captured my heart with this love,  
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You. (Repeat)  
(Chorus)

### Prayer of Adoration

O merciful Lord, you are our refuge and strength: by your power you protect us from the ways of this world, by your grace you sustain us through all adversity and temptation, and for your glory you will bring us into everlasting peace. To you be all honor, all praise and dominion, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God for all eternity. Amen.

### Affirmation of Faith    *The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1*

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the**

**tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Doxology

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Let all things their creator bless,  
And worship him with humbleness!  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, God of all Glory and Grace, You have loved us with an unmatched love, Yet we often fail to love, follow, and obey 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

### *The Goodness of Jesus*

Come you weary heart now to Jesus  
Come you anxious soul now and see  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

#### Chorus:

Oh the Goodness, the Goodness of Jesus  
Satisfied he is all that I need  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the Goodness of Jesus

Come find what this world cannot offer  
Come and find your joy here complete  
Taste the living water, never thirst again  
Rest here in His wondrous peace (Chorus)

Come and find your hope now in Jesus  
He is all he said he would be  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart  
Rest here in His wondrous peace (Chorus)

### Words of Pardon and Comfort

### *Isaiah 1:18*

“Come now, let us reason together” says the LORD.  
“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as  
snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like  
wool.”

## Reception of New Members

*Robey Clark*

### Membership Vows:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## Celebration of Baptism

Julian Davies Clark

*Son of Robey Clark*

### Baptismal Vows for Robey:

Do you acknowledge Julian's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim and trust in God's covenant promises on Julian's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Julian to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Baptismal Vow for High Desert Presbyterian Church:  
Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting Robey in the Christian nurture of Julian?

Song

*Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to Me." (Refrain)

Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in. (Refrain)

Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
Thou hast bled and died for me,  
I will henceforth live for Thee. (Refrain)

*(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 15*

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

Scripture

*John 10:22-42*

Sermon

*Rev. Dan Rose*

*“The Special Relationship”*

*So That You May Believe: The Gospel of John*

Song

*Jesus, The Lord, My Savior Is*

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God;  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;  
And I His grace record.

2Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,  
And there it dwells for me;  
‘Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills  
With treasures rich and free.

Chorus:

Mercy and truth and righteousness,  
And peace, most richly meet  
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,  
In Whom I stand complete.

As through the wilderness I roam,  
His mercies I'll proclaim;  
And when I safely reach my home,  
I'll still adore His name.

“Worthy the Lamb,” shall be my song,  
“For He for me was slain;”  
And me with all the heavenly throng  
Shall join, and say, “Amen.” (Repeat chorus)

Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,  
My Shepherd, and my God;  
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;  
And I His grace record.

### 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 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 14) 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

*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

Song

*Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Gracious God, Jesus is the center point of history, and his presence is our new beginning. Center our lives on your lavish grace that not only saves but renews us to be like Jesus. May our godly living be a fitting testimony of thanksgiving that draws others to the joyful reign of Christ the King. Amen.**

Song

*Before the Throne*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is love,  
Whoever 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,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

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.

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,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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.