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## Order of Worship

May 3, 2026

### Reflection

You will never find Jesus so precious as when the world is one vast howling wilderness. Then he is like a rose blooming in the midst of the desolation, a rock rising above the storm!

- Robert Murray McCheyne

### Prelude

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

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 46*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.**

Leader: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

**People: The LORD of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

### Song

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

Chorus:  
Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,  
“Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name.”

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's “all as it should be,”  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name. (Chorus)

You give and take away,  
You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say,  
“Lord blessed be Your name.” (Chorus)

### Prayer of Adoration

Our Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer, we gather this morning to worship you. We do not do so in an attempt to earn your favor or court your blessings, but, rather, we seek you because you first sought us. Accept our prayers this morning – in speech and in song – and receive the praises that we offer. Amen.

### Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### 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, in grace you have loved us. In grace you have saved us. In grace you have made us yours. And now we confess that we daily need that same grace, for all the ways that we turn away from you. Forgive us again for our many shortcomings and sins, and in the grace of your Son, renew and empower us to follow Him. We pray this in his beautiful and wonderful name, Amen.**

Private Confession

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.

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 *Never Once*

Standing on this mountaintop  
Looking just how far we've come  
Knowing that for every step You were with us

Kneeling on this battleground  
Seeing just how much You've done  
Knowing every victory was Your power in us

Scars and struggles on the way  
But with joy our hearts can say  
Yes, our hearts can say

Never once did we ever walk alone  
Never once did You leave us on our own  
You are faithful, God, You are faithful

You are faithful, God, You are faithful  
Scars and struggles on the way  
But with joy our hearts can say  
Never once, did we ever walk alone  
Carried by Your constant grace  
Held within Your perfect peace  
Never once, no, we never walk alone

Never once did we ever walk alone  
Never once did You leave us on our own  
You are faithful, God, You are faithful  
Every step we are breathing in Your grace  
Evermore we'll be breathing out Your praise  
You are faithful, God, You are faithful

You are faithful, God, You are faithful (x3)

*(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.**

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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 9:1-41*

Sermon

*Rev. Dan Rose*

*"Spiritual Blindness"*

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

Song

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy Name.

Jesus! The Name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.

## 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 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

*Only a Holy God*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendor outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

Chorus:

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God (Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God! (Chorus)

Song

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need Thee, O I need Thee,  
Ev'ry hour I need Thee,  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
Stay Thou near-by;  
Temptations lose their pow'r  
When Thou art nigh. (Refrain)

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
In joy or pain;  
Come quickly, and abide,  
Or life is vain. (Refrain)

I need Thee ev'ry hour,  
Most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed,  
Thou blessed Son. (Refrain)

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

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

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.