
Order of Worship

June 28, 2026

Reflection

No sin is so great, but the satisfaction of Christ and his mercy is greater.

- Richard Sibbes

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

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

All glory and honor be unto you, Lord God Almighty, for in your sovereign and gracious design you have not left us to ourselves but have adopted us as your own and called us to be a new people for your service that we, the church, for whom Christ died, might be a holy nation. So work within us this day that we might genuinely declare in our words and deeds the praise of your glorious grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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, we confess that we often disbelieve, rather than believe in you with all our hearts and minds. Father, forgive us. We do believe; help us in the spaces of our unbelief. Move toward us, Risen Christ, in ways that cause the sure hope of your resurrection to make its way down into the deepest, darkest places of our souls. Forgive us and renew us by your eternal power and love. We pray in your name. Amen.

Private Confession

Song

Upon a Life I Have Not Lived

Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,

Another's tears; Another's griefs,
On these I rest, on these alone.

Chorus:

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on
What Thy cross has done for me;
There both my life and death I read,
My guilt, and pardon there I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me,
As one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,
As one who has Thy gift received. (Chorus)

Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Words of Pardon and Comfort

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in
my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of
salvation; He has covered me with the robe of
righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest
with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself
with her jewels.

Song

Reign in Me

With groanings too deep for words
I yearn for You I yearn for You
With all of my weakness I come
In need of You in need of You

Chorus:
Savior save me
Healer heal me
Jesus have Your way
King of glory reign in me
Reign in me

I surrender to You alone
Your will be done Your will be done
With all of my heart I resign
My life to You it's all for You (Chorus)

Forever I will say You are good
And Your promises will never fade away
Never fade away
You're pouring out Your strength
And Your joy is everlasting
I will never be the same
Oh I will never be the same (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 for more information.

Scripture

Psalms 23:1-6

Sermon

*Rev. Dan Herron
"Christ's Loving Kindness Pursues You!"*

Song

God is Faithful (Psalm 114)

God brought out His people
With a strong and mighty hand
Took them out of slavery to behold the Promised Land
Mountains fled before them
And the seas turned back and ran
And they saw that He was good

Chorus:

God is faithful to His promise
He is with us He is with us
God is faithful God is faithful to His own

God has come to free us from the bondage of our sin
Tasting of His kindness we cannot go back again
Leads us through the desert
To the rivers of His grace
Working all things for our good (Chorus)

We have known Your mercy
And Your love as in the past
If days be few or many You will guide us to the last
You have said it we believe it
Every promise holding fast
For we know that You are good (Chorus)

You are faithful to Your promise
You are with us You are with us
You are faithful You are faithful to Your own

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 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

Jerusalem

See Him in Jerusalem
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder

Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father

See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus

Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two

And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today
Death could not contain Him
Once the Servant of the world
Now in vict'ry reigning

Lift your voices to the One
Who is seated on the throne
See Him in the New Jerusalem
Praise the One who saved us

Song

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus, keep me near the cross
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

Chorus:

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross, a trembling soul
Love and mercy found me
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me (Chorus)

Near the cross, O Lamb of God
Bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me (Chorus)

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river (Chorus)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song

Our Song from Age to Age

Oh God of power living Word
The One who made the stars
Who with Your glory filled the earth
From dust made beating hearts
You loved us when we fell away
Poured mercy on our souls
And promised grace would come to save
To loose death's iron hold

You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise
Again and again

Oh God of promises fulfilled
The God who took on flesh
Who did all that the Father willed
Was humbled unto death
You bore our cross of sin and shame
Endured our agony
With gladness we now bear Your name
And worship at Your feet

Chorus:

You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise
Again and again
You are our song from age to age
We will proclaim Your power to save
Again and again

Oh God who surely guides our steps
Through tempests and through trials
Our Shepherd King Your way is best
Though tears now veil our eyes
Your steadfast love our perfect hope
Our eyes are fixed on grace
We have no doubt You'll lead us home
To finally see Your face (Chorus)

Oh God of all of history
Enthroned in realms of light
What eyes of faith have strained to see
Will one day fill our sight
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns
Before the Savior's feet
And sing as all the heav'ns resound
For all eternity (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.