
Order of Worship

July 26, 2026

Reflection

Few are aware that one secret of being miserable is to live only for ourselves and one secret of being happy is to try to make others happy.

- J.C. Ryle

Prelude

As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.

Call to Worship

Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD,
forever.

**People: With my mouth I will proclaim your
faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established
forever.

**People: Your faithfulness is as firm as the
heavens! Praise the Lord!**

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)

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. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Affirmation of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 34*

Minister: Why do we call Jesus “our Lord”?

All: Because— not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood— He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be His very own.

Gloria Patri

Greatorrex

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, we confess that we are often swept along and deceived by the tide of our generation and the spirit of our age. We are tempted to call good evil and evil good. We are seduced by many destructive and harmful desires. We often live more in fear born of unbelief than courage born of faith. We often live more in aimlessness born of indifference than purpose born of hope.

We often live more in sloth born of selfishness than service born of love. We often try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories and crediting all things to your grace. Therefore, we cry out to you for mercy and seek your forgiveness. Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death and empower us by the gift of your Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name 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 *1 Timothy 1:15*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save
sinners.

Song

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my Shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You!

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing;
Power and majesty
Praise to the King!
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name!

I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands;
Forever I'll love You,
Forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

*(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 14*

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

Ecclesiastes 7:1-13

Sermon

Rev. Dan Rose

“Walking in Wisdom”

Same Old, Same Old? Summer Studies in Ecclesiastes

Song

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;

True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all. (Refrain)

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him. (Refrain)

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 13) 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

In the Shadow of the Glorious Cross

In the shadow of the glorious cross
Compelled by grace to cast my lot
I'll discard the loss and bare your name
Forsaking all for your own fame

Your hymn of grace sung over me
Abounding forth in glorious streams
My thirst is quenched by you my Lord
Sustained am I redeemed restored
Sustained am I redeemed restored

Chorus:
Hallelujah, hallelujah

When death's dark shadow's at my feet
When I am plagued by unbelief
You place my hands into Your side
By precious blood identified
By precious blood identified

These crowns I've clenched with fisted hands
I cast them down before the throne
Of Christ my God the worthy Lamb
Christ crucified the Great I Am (3x) (Chorus)

Song

The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus:
This the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. (Chorus)

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
Finished the vict'ry cry. (Chorus)

Oh to see my name written in the wounds.
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**O glorious God, You come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us, filling our plates
with the bread of life and our cups with salvation.
Send us out, Lord Jesus, with tenderheartedness
to touch a beautiful yet broken world with the
promise of your Kingdom. Amen.**

Song

Joy Unspeakable

I have found His grace is all complete
He supplieth ev'ry need

While I sit and learn at Jesus' feet
I am free yes free indeed

Chorus:

It is joy unspeakable and full of glory
Full of glory full of glory
It is joy unspeakable and full of glory
Oh the half has never yet been told

I have found the pleasure I once craved
It is joy and peace within
What a wondrous blessing I am saved
From the awful gulf of sin (Chorus)

I have found that hope so bright and clear
Living in the realm of grace
Oh the Saviour's presence is so near
I can see His smiling face (Chorus)

I have found the joy no tongue can tell
How its waves of glory roll
It is like a great o'erflowing well
Springing up within my soul (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.