
Order of Worship

August 30, 2026

Reflection

Resurrection does not erase tears, it promises their end.

It does not deny graves, it empties them.

It does not shield us from pain, it redeems it.

- Anonymous

Prelude

As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.

Call to Worship

Psalm 113

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise him, O servants of the LORD!

People: Let our tongues praise the name of the LORD!

Leader: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

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. 26*

Minister: Who is God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: God is the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds

and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.

I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

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

Lord of Mercy, You call us to hunger and thirst after righteousness, to give ourselves as living sacrifices, and to share the burdens of others. Yet too often we hunger after the pleasures of the world, the lust of the flesh, and the greed of our own desires.

We confess these and other sins in our memory.

**Forgive us in Your mercy, demonstrated in the
sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died to
remove these sins from Your face.
Help us now to live our days in Your service,
Free from guilt and joyful in obedience. Amen.**

Private Confession

Song

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone
Of covenant mercy I sing
I come with Your righteousness on
My humble offering to bring
The judgments of Your holy law
With me can have nothing to do
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which Your goodness began
The arm of Your strength will complete
Your promise is yes and amen
And never was forfeited yet
The future or things that are now
No power below or above
Can make You Your purpose forego
Or sever my soul from Your love

My name from the palms of Your hands
Eternity will not erase
Impressed on Your heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace
Yes I, to the end will endure
Until I bow down at Your throne
Forever and always secure
Forever and always secure
Forever and always secure
A debtor to mercy alone

Words of Pardon and Comfort *Psalm 103:8-12*

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Song *What Love My God*

What love my God would bring You down to earth
What king would take a low and lonely birth
Yet to this dark and broken place You came
To sleep beneath the stars that You had made
What love my God would send the Way of Life
To walk the road rejected and despised

That You might know the weakness I possess
And be my rock of strength and righteousness

Chorus:

O Your love my God like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us
O praise the King who came to the world
In His love like a mighty flood

What love my God could hold You to the tree
To bear that overwhelming debt for me
The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side
The Healer bleeds the Life was made to die (Chorus)

What love my God so gracious and extreme
Was strong enough to come and fight for me
To go through hell and down into the grave
And raise me up to see You face to face
You raise me up to see You face to face (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 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 for more information.

Scripture

John 11:17-37

Sermon

Rev. Dan Rose

“Jesus Wept”

So That You May Believe: The Gospel of John

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)

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,

Feed me now and ever more;
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

Musing on my habitation,
Musing on my heav'nly home,
Fills my soul with holy longings:
Come, my Jesus, quickly come;
Vanity is all I see;
Lord, I long to be with Thee!
Lord, I long to be with Thee!

Song

How Can I Keep from Singing?

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It sounds and echoes in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

What, though my joys and comforts die,
The Lord, my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night it giveth. (Refrain)
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? (Refrain)

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

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things He has taught us,
Great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

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.