
Order of Worship

August 9, 2026

Reflection

You must keep all earthly treasures out of your heart, and let Christ be your treasure, and let Him have your heart.

- Charles Spurgeon

Prelude

As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Leader: Let all praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

People: He has raised up for his people a place of strength, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD!

Song

Come, People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace

From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Chorus:

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace (Chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all (Chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Oh, great God, our Redeemer and our King, we adore you and raise our voices in praise of your holy name. You are gracious and we ask you to lift the burdens we carry so we may be free to proclaim your goodness to all the earth; you are mighty and we ask you to break the chains that bind us so we may reflect your glory; you are loving and we ask you to breathe life into our hearts so we may echo ten thousand saints in singing of your majesty! In the mighty name of Jesus we pray, Amen!

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8

Minister: All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption as children, by whom we cry “Abba! Father!”

All: The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

Minister: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

All: For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he

called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Minister: What then shall we say to these things?

All: If God is for us, who can be against us?...For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Almighty God, your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than our sin. Forgive our shallow attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of others, our neglect of your wise law. Change us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (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 highdeserttpca.com for more information.

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

Sermon

Rev. Dan Rose

*"Living Wisely in the Shadow of Death"
Same Old, Same Old? Summer Studies in Ecclesiastes*

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 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

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.

Song

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him
Jesus said
If I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

Chorus:
For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said
That if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him (Chorus)

Jesus said
If I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me (Chorus x2)

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

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

“Man of sorrows!” what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement! Can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die
“It is finished!” was His cry
Now in Heav’n exalted high
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew His song we’ll sing
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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.