
Order of Worship

September 20, 2026

Reflection

The difference between the Christian and non-Christian is not that the non-Christian sins and the Christian doesn't. The difference is that the non-Christian, when aware of sin, takes his sin's side against God, whereas the Christian, when convicted, takes God's side against his own sin.

- Siegbert Becker

Prelude

As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12

Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.

All: For the Lord God is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known in all the earth.

All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of God, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Song

Brethren We Have Come to Worship

Brethren we have come to worship
And adore the Lord our God

Will you pray with all your power
While we try to preach the Word
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down
Brethren pray and holy manna
Will be showered all around

Brethren see poor sinners 'round you
Slumb'ring on the brink of woe
Death is coming hell is moving
Can you bear to let them go
See our fathers and our mothers
And our children sinking down
Brethren pray and holy manna
Will be showered all around

Sisters will you join and help us
Moses' sister aided him
Will you help the trembling mourners
Who are struggling hard with sin
Tell them all about the Savior
Tell them that He will be found
Sisters pray and holy manna
Will be showered all around

Let us love our God supremely
Let us love each other too
Let us love and pray for sinners
Till our God makes all things new

Then He'll call us home to heaven
At His table we'll sit down
Christ will gird Himself and serve us
With sweet manna all around

Prayer of Adoration

Most holy God, you are the source of all that is good and beautiful: you are life, you are love, you are light; you are the very breath we breathe. You redeem, you restore, and you heal. Work in our hearts and make us new as we join our voices to declare your praise. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith *Scots' Confession, Chapter 1*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.

He is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible, one in substance and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

By him we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed and to the manifestation of his own glory.

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, 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

Satisfied

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

Chorus:
Hallelujah! He has found me,
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings
Through His blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me
Til my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better
Only still to hunger on. (Chorus)

Poor I was and sought for riches
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry. (Chorus)

Well of water ever springing
Bread of life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me. (Chorus)

Words of Pardon and Comfort *Romans 8:38-39*

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.

Missions Spotlight

*Reformed University Fellowship at UNM
Charlie Fiorillo, Campus Minister*

Song

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
There will be no need for prayer—
Rapture, praise, and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there.

*(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

Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon

*Rev. Charlie Fiorillo
“From Death to Life by Grace”*

Song

Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God to order and provide
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul! Thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

Be still, my soul! When dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears

Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears
Be still, my soul! Thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away

Be still, my soul! The hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

Be still, my soul! Begin the song of praise
On earth believing to thy Lord on high
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye
Be still, my soul! The Sun of life divine
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine

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

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give

He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior, he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, his power is displayed

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Song

Before the Throne

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is love,
Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless, righteousness.
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of Glory and of grace.
One with Himself; I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this in Christ, our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain its builders strive.

To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
Tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn;
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus:
All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above,
Who is Himself our daily bread;
Praise Him, the Lord of love.

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price;
We'll take a cup of kindness yet;
All glory be to Christ! (Chorus)

When on the day the great I Am,
The faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new.

Behold, our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light.
And we shall e're His people be;
All glory be to Christ! (Chorus)

Benediction

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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.