
Order of Worship

September 6, 2026

Reflection

Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan.

- John Bunyan

Prelude

As worship begins, please silence your electronic devices.

Call to Worship

Psalm 118

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let those who fear the LORD say “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Leader: The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

All: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Song

A Mighty Fortress

Our God is a consuming fire
A burning, holy flame with glory and freedom
Our God is the only righteous judge
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom

Pre-Chorus:

And we will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You

Chorus:

A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is Your name
Your Kingdom is unshakable
And with You forever we will reign

Our God is jealous for His own
None could comprehend His love and His mercy
Our God is exalted on His throne
High above the heavens, forever He is worthy (Pre-
Chorus)

We will keep our eyes on You
We will keep our eyes on You
So we can set our hearts on You
Lord, we will set our hearts on You (Chorus)

With You forever we will reign
With You forever we will reign

Prayer of Adoration

Our God, we, your people, rejoice in your unfailing love and the beauty of your matchless character. We delight to think of you, to increasingly order our lives around you, and to make you the object of our highest affections. Be pleased today to unfold afresh the glorious mysteries of your gospel. Work in us that we may genuinely bow our hearts before you, Jesus, who upon the cross won for us the freedom that is ours today. We adore you, our glorious King and together exalt your magnificent name. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:6-11

Minister: Whom do we worship as our Lord and King?

All: We worship Jesus Christ as our Lord and King, “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

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

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners, but in Christ you have given us a Savior. Produce in us a faith to live by him, to make him our desire, our hope, our glory. Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world, so that its smiles never allure us, its frowns never terrify us, its vices never defile us, its errors never delude us. Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims in the cities of this earth, knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven, so that all we do may be done to the Savior's glory; in whose name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Song

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

Come weary saints, though tired and weak;
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
Your strength will return by His quiet streams,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Come wand'ring souls and find your home,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
He offers the rest that you yearn to know,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Chorus:
Hear Him calling your name;
See the depths of His love
In the wounds of His grace.
Hide away. Hide away.

Come guilty ones weighed down with sin,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
The freedom you long for is found in Him,
Hide away in the love of Jesus. (Chorus)

Come hopeless hearts do not despair,
Hide away in the love of Jesus.
For ten thousand joys await you there,
Hide away in the love of Jesus. (Chorus)

Hide away in the love of Jesus.

Words of Pardon and Comfort *Colossians 1:13-14*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Song

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication.
If Thou iniquities dost mark
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works alas are all in vain
In much the best life faileth.
No man can glory in Thy sight
All must alike confess Thy might
And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest
His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort
My comfort and my sweet support
I wait for it with patience

What though I wait the live-long night
And till the dawn appeareth;
My heart still trusteth in His might
It doubteth not nor feareth;

Do thus O ye of Israel's seed
Ye of the Spirit born indeed
And wait till God appeareth

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows
Our utmost need it soundeth;
Our shepherd good and true is He
Who will at last our Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow

*(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

John 11:38-57

Sermon

Rev. Dan Rose

“The Raising of Lazarus”

So That You May Believe: The Gospel of John

Song

You Never Let Go

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear,
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near.

Pre-Chorus:

And I will fear no evil,
For my God is with me,
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear? (Chorus)

Chorus:

Oh no, You never let go,
Through the calm and through the storm.

Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low.

Oh no, You never let go,
Lord, You never let go of me.

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare,
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth. (Pre-Chorus)

Yes, I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on,
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
Still I will praise You,
Still I will praise You. (Chorus)

Lord, You never let go of me.

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

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Chorus)

Song

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone

Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts

My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose! The grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus:

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land! (Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more. (Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest? (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.