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*The life of the church
mirrors the gospel
pattern in the life of a
disciple. This is
demonstrated in our
order of worship (the
bulletin you are
holding): Opening
moments offer
recognition of the
greatness and
goodness of God that
naturally folds into
confession, assurance
of pardon, songs of
thanksgiving,
instruction, and a
charge to serve God
in response to His
grace in Christ.*

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There are only two kinds of people—those who say “Thy will be done” to God or those to whom God in the end says “Thy will be done.” All that are in Hell choose it. Without self-choice it wouldn’t be Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it.

C. S. Lewis

Order of Worship *April 19, 2015*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

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*We believe everyone
worships something
and that we will
inevitably imitate and
serve what we
worship.*

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Call to Worship

O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil overruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose—our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of Your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The gospel moment is a time we use to remind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By His obedience we are justified, and by His death we are reconciled to God. As we apprehend this we are ready to confess our sin.



*Since we understand that we are redeemed sinners, we agree with God about our sin to the end that we might be confirmed in the forgiveness and absolution we have in Christ. This pattern of **confession** makes way for affirmation and confirmation of God's covenant promise that He assures every believer of pardon for the sake of Christ's obedience and substitution.*





*For assurance of
pardon, the man who
has faith is the man
who is no longer
looking at himself
and no longer looking
to himself. He looks
entirely to the Lord
Jesus Christ and His
finished work, and
rests on that alone".
—Martyn Lloyd-Jones*



Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

His Love Can Never Fail

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;
But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread.
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to His side;
I may not know the way I go, but, oh, I know my Guide. (*chorus*)

Chorus: His love can never fail, His love can never fail,
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot for I know
That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, as joyfully I go.
And though I may not see His face, my faith is strong and clear,
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near. (*chorus*)

I will not fear, though darkness come abroad o'er all the land,
If I may only feel the touch of His own loving hand.
And though I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail. (*chorus*)

(last time repeat chorus)

Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow, there is beauty in our tears,
And You meet us in our mourning with a love that casts out fear.

You are working in our waiting, sanctifying us,
When beyond our understanding You're teaching us to trust (*chorus*)

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper, You've not forgotten us,
You're with us in the fire and the flood;
Faithful forever, perfect in love, You are sovereign over us. ↗



Now that
we have
reenacted
the story of
the gospel
as a church
community.

We now
experience
the renewal
merited for
us by Jesus
Christ. We
express this
renewal in
our singing
praises to
Jesus for
His great
mercy
towards us.



You are wisdom unimagined, who could understand Your ways;
Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace.

You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind;
You surround and You uphold me, and Your promises are my delight. *(chorus)*

Bridge: Even what the enemy means for evil, You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good and for Your glory.
Even in the valley You are faithful, You're working for our good,
You're working for our good and for Your glory.

(chorus)

Faithful forever, perfect in love, You are sovereign over us.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Isaiah 40

Lord, I will put my trust in You and I will not faint.
Lord, I will put my trust In You.
Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.
Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.

You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,
So I put my trust in You.
You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,
So I put my trust in You.

Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.
Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.

You have been my strength, You have been my shield,
You have been my mighty tower.
You have been my strength, You have been my shield,
You have been my mighty tower.
You have been my mighty tower.



*Jesus, our
shepherd,
prays with us
and for us.
We pray the
pastoral
prayer
expecting the
Holy Spirit to
minister
Jesus'
benefits to us
as He prays
for us.*



*(Children
ages 4-6 may
be dismissed
for
Children's
Church
during song)*





*Receiving of
tithes and
offerings is not
an "add on" to
the service. It is
part of worship.
We demonstrate
our trust in
God's present
provision and
hope in our
future with Him
by supporting
the spread of the
Gospel.*



Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. (*refrain*)

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. (*refrain*)

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. (*refrain*)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (*refrain*)

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.



*The **Benediction**
is a
pronouncement
of God's favor
upon His
assembled
people.*



Benediction

