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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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Lo, He comes with clouds descending
Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Charles Wesley

Order of Worship

February 7, 2016

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence

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

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Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong oft seems so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, and neglecting to seek You in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless You because they will not stand against me, for they all have been laid on Christ.

Go on to subdue my corruptions, and grant me the grace to live above them. Let not the passions of my flesh nor the desires of my mind bring my spirit into subjection, but may You rule over me in liberty and power. Deliver me from every evil habit and everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in me; indeed, everything that prevents me from delighting in You. Then I will bless You for helping me to walk uprightly.



*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!

Grace Like Rain

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see so clearly. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah! And all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. (*chorus*)

(*repeat chorus*)

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

Only Jesus

Father of grace, You've sacrificed
Your only Son for us, the crucified Jesus.
Enlarge our hearts, to love Your Son,
O grant to us the grace to walk with Him always.
To make Him our great delight, bringing worship with our lives.

Chorus: Only Jesus! Only Jesus! Give us Jesus, we cry.
Only Jesus! Only Jesus! The Pearl of greatest price.

Spirit of grace, You've shed Your light,
Upon our darkened eyes, unveiling Jesus Christ.
Come change our hearts, conform our ways,
To honor Jesus' Name, His glory our refrain.
Let His love compel our own, as we worship at His throne. (*chorus*)

Bridge: Jesus, our great Savior, Lord of heaven, Son of God.
Jesus, our great Savior, Lord of heaven, Son of God. (*chorus*)

(last time repeat chorus)

Union with Christ

Union with Christ! What a glorious thought,
What a wonderful truth we embrace;
For His vict'ry attained makes the children of God
To endure, and to finish the race.

The hope that we have is no temporal thing
To be swayed by our failures or fears;
In Christ we have faith as our conquering King,
And the Christian through faith perseveres. ↗



*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.*



Chorus: Hallelujah! We are His. Hallelujah! We are His.
No greater love is there than this; Jesus is ours and we are His.

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*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.*



Union with Christ! What a glorious thought
To be one with the Lion and the Lamb!
To be given a heart that responds as it ought
To the great everlasting, "I AM". (*chorus*)

Hallelujah! We are His. Deepest communion, sweetest bliss;
No greater love is there than this: Jesus is ours and we are His.
Jesus is ours and we are His.

Pastoral Prayer

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*(children 4-5 years
are dismissed to
Children's Church
at this time)*



Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine.
And still that light she lifteth o'er all the world to shine.
It is the golden casket where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

O make Thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations Thy true light, as of old.
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see Thee face to face.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: The Savior of Sinners

“Between the Ascension and Second Coming”

Luke 21:20-36

Theme: Persistent, Faithful Obedience

Introduction:

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*Since Jesus Christ has
committed Himself to
us in the laying down
of His precious life, we
are reminded of this in
the preaching of the
Word and likewise
called to a daily,
deepening
commitment to follow
after Him.*



- I. The Fall of Jerusalem: A.D. 66-70 (vv. 20-24)

- II. The Second Coming (vv. 25-28)

- III. The Parable of the Fig Tree (vv. 29-33)

- IV. How to Live in Light of the Above (vv. 34-36)

Conclusion:



*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

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.
So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.
So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me. (God, I see)
Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me.....for me.



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



Benediction

