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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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*We believe everyone
worships something
and that we will
inevitably imitate and
serve what we
worship.*
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*Weep, O my daughters, but grieve not for Me;
Weep for yourselves and your children;
Shed bitter tears of mourning and pray.
O Pray Miserere, nostri Domine.
(Have mercy on us, Lord!)*

Edwin Cox

Order of Worship *May 1, 2016*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

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 has been Thou forever wilt be. *(refrain)*

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,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(refrain)*

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!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much You love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, You know when we are indifferent to Your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to You when we are in trouble. Lord, You know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey Your call to take up your cross and follow You. 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.



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

Beautiful Wonderful Cross

There is a place where justice and mercy flow as an endless stream'
Bringing salvation, life and redemption to sinners awaiting in need.

Chorus: At the beautiful wonderful cross, at the beautiful wonderful cross
Where the King of all glory laid down His life for us,
At the beautiful wonderful cross.

There is a place where things that are broken can come be restored again;
The past is forgiven, washed and forgotten by love that has conquered sin. *(chorus)*

Bridge: There is a place where hope everlasting
was sealed by the blood of the King—
To Him be all glory, honor and praises, Jesus the victory! *(chorus)*

At the beautiful wonderful cross where the king of all glory
Laid down His life for us,
At the beautiful wonderful, beautiful wonderful, beautiful wonderful cross.



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



Benediction

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: The Savior of Sinners
“Something to Weep Over” Luke 23:26-31
Theme: Judgment

Introduction:

- I. A symbol of condemnation

- II. Jerusalem, don't weep for Me

- III. Judgment is coming

- IV. Final judgment

Conclusion:



*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.*



*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!

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart. *(refrain)*

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,
Have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me. *(refrain)*

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee. *(refrain)*

Refrain: To whom, save Thee, who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

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

Offering

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love;
There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,
Before the Holy One of Heaven.
It's only by Your blood, and it's only through Your mercy,
Lord, I come.

Chorus: I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due;
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

(repeat verse, chorus, chorus)

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high. *(chorus)*

Chorus: Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. *(chorus)*

(last time repeat chorus)



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.



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



Closer

Search me O God and know my thoughts,
Nothing is hidden from You.
Lead me along Your path of life that I may walk in truth. *(chorus)*

Create in me a clean heart, renew a right spirit in me.
Make of me, Lord, a servant who walks in humility. *(chorus)*

Chorus: Bring me closer, closer, closer to You, my Lord.
Bring me closer, closer to Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.

(last time repeat chorus)

To Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.
To Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation,
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies, like arrows, pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation;
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

Chorus: Oh, praise Him, hallelujah! My delight and my reward.
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely;
With ev'ry day pour out my soul, and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His forever.

(repeat chorus twice)