



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.*



Only a fraction of the present body of professing Christians are solidly appropriating the justifying work of Christ in their lives. Many have so light an apprehension of God's holiness and of the extent of their guilt of their sin that consciously they see little need for justification, though below the surface of their lives they are deeply guilt-ridden and insecure. Many others have a theoretical commitment to this doctrine (justification through imputed righteousness) but in their day-to-day existence they rely on their sanctification for their justification drawing their assurance of acceptance with God from their sincerity, their experience of conversion, their recent religious performance or the relative infrequency of their conscious, willful disobedience. Few know enough to start each day with a thoroughgoing stand upon Luther's platform: *you are accepted*, looking outward in faith and claiming the wholly alien righteousness of Christ as the only ground for acceptance, relaxing in that quality of trust which will produce increasing sanctification as faith is active in love and gratitude.

Richard F. Lovelace, *Dynamics of Spiritual Life*

Order of Worship

October 29, 2017

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship



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



Call to Worship

A Mighty Fortress

A mighty Fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is for ever.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through Your name. 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!

Here is Love

Here is love vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood:
When the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He will never be forgotten throughout heav'ns eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above.
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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

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole. (*chorus*)

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (*chorus*)

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. (*chorus*)

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry. (*chorus*)

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Your Promises

When the weight of life begins to fall,
On the name of Jesus I will call;
For I know my God is in control,
And His purpose is unshakeable.

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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.

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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.



Children 4-5
years old are
dismissed to
Children's
Church during
the song



Chorus: Doesn't matter what I feel,
Doesn't matter what I see,
My hope will always be Your promises to me.
Now I'm casting out all fear
For Your love has set me free,
My hope will always be Your promises to me.

As I walk into the days to come
I will not forget what You have done,
For You have supplied my every need,
And Your presence is enough for me. (*chorus*)

Bridge: You will always be more than enough for me,
You will always be more than enough for me.
Nothing's gonna stop the plans You've made,
Nothing's gonna take Your love away;
You will always be more than enough for me.

(*chorus*)

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: The Five Solas of the Reformation

“From Sola Bootstrapus to Sola Fide”

Romans 1:16-17

Theme: By Faith Alone

Introduction:

- I. Context: The Reformation
- II. Sin and the law
- III. Righteousness imputed
- IV. Faith alone
- V. Implications for living

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.



Receiving of Tithes and Offerings



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.



Song of Response

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,
The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss;
*My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

*(*repeat at asterisk)*

The Guidelines to receiving the **Lord's Supper** can be found on the last page of the bulletin.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

(Please note that the outer ring is juice and the inner rings are wine; the bread is gluten free)



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



Benevolence Offering

Benediction

