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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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The letter to the Hebrews is ablaze with the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ; the glory of His deity, His manhood, His priesthood and sacrifice, His triumphant life of faith, His resurrection and ascension, and the certainty of His coming again. At the same time it contains dark and somber warnings, which are longer and more solemn than any we find in the other letters of the New Testament. Because of these warnings many Christians have found Hebrews a difficult letter to understand—some have even found it frightening.

David Gooding, *An Unshakable Kingdom*

Order of Worship

January 14, 2018

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

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is He,
Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings.
You are my ev'rything and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder,
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You, the only wise King. (*chorus*)

Filled with wonder, awe-struck wonder, at the mention of Your name,
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery.

(chorus twice)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; Your face is hidden from us because of our sins, and in the blindness of our hearts we forget Your mercy. Remember that we are but dust, and look upon us in mercy, Your sinful and wayward children. Cleanse us, we humbly ask, from all our offenses, and deliver us from all proud thoughts and worthless desires. Open our eyes, that we may receive illumination through Your Word and Spirit, so that the darkness will be driven from our minds and hearts. Revive us, that we might walk in Your ways. Then, with humble and grateful hearts, we will praise You as we contemplate Your goodness to us. We will draw near to You and find rest in Your grace and acceptance. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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*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.*

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*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*

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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

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Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

I'm Forever Grateful

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.

Chorus: And I'm forever grateful to You,
I'm forever grateful for the cross.
I'm forever grateful to You
That You came to seek and save the lost.

(repeat all/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

From Depths of Woe

From 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? (*echo*) O who shall stand before Thee? (*echo*)

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. (*echo*) And live alone by mercy. (*echo*)

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. (*echo*) I wait for it with patience. (*echo*)

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. (*echo*) And wait till God appeareth. (*echo*)

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 His Israel free,
From all their sin and sorrow. (*echo*) From all their sin and sorrow. (*echo*)

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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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.
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Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant song, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear Thy voice, and enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send thy victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Thy redeeming grace.

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

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: The Supremacy of Christ
"The Book of Hebrews" Hebrews 1:1-4
Theme: Overview of the Book of Hebrews

Introduction:

- I. Critical questions regarding Hebrews
 - A. Author
 - B. Audience
 - C. Date

- II. The purposes of Hebrews
 - A. Loss of interest in the Gospel (2:1-4)
 - B. Spiritual immaturity (5:11-12)
 - C. The possibility of falling away (Chapters 6-10)
 - D. Intense persecution (Chapter 11)
 - E. Exhortation to persevere (Chapters 12-13)

- III. Christ; the final word
 - A. God has spoken
 - B. Two stages of revelation
 - C. The supremacy of Christ above all things

Conclusion:

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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.*
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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

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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.

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Guidelines
to receiving
the **Lord's
Supper** can
be found on
the last
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favor upon

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assembled
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Song of Response

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

Benediction

