



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.*



What though th'accuser roar
Of ills that I have done!
I know them well, and thousands more:
Jehovah findeth none.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, My God, forgets me not;
And he is safe and must succeed
For whom the Lord vouchsafes (grants by grace) to plead.

Order of Worship

June 17, 2018

Father's Day

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence



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



Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Come, Let us Worship and Bow Down

Come let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker. (*repeat*)

Chorus: He is our God, He is our God;
We are the people of His pasture.
He is our God, He is our God;
We are the sheep of His Hand.

Bridge: Worship the Lord in holiness;
Let the whole earth stand in awe.
He will come to judge the earth
In righteousness and truth. (*repeat chorus*)

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to You as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy You offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life You set among us. Let us see that the vanity, sensuality and folly of the present world are fleeting, and lead only to inexpressible sorrow, and so seeing, be enabled by Your Spirit to find the only lasting joy—a life lived in and for Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive Your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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!

There Is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day:
And there may I, as vile as he,
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die.

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

Exodus XV

The Lord is my strength and my song
And He is become my salvation, He is my God.

Chorus: And I shall prepare Him my heart,
And I shall prepare Him my heart,
And I shall prepare Him my heart.

The Lord, He shall reign forever and ever,
The Lord, He shall reign forever and ever. Amen.

(chorus)

(repeat 2nd verse)

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirit revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found. ↗



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.



Pastoral Prayer



(children 4-6 years are dismissed to Children's Church during Song of Preparation)



Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”



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

Now Unto the King Eternal

(1st Time: Worship Team)

Now unto the King eternal,

Unto the King immortal,

Unto the King invisible,

The only wise God, the only wise God.

(Repeat: Congregation)

Oh, unto the King be glory and honor,

Unto the King forever,

Unto the King be glory and honor forever,

and ever. Amen, Amen, Amen.



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



Benediction

