



*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.*



The law is that which God demands of us (cf. Genesis 2:17; Exodus 20:1-18), while the Gospel is the good news that in Jesus Christ, God freely and graciously gives to us everything He demands of us under the law (i.e. Romans 5:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21). The content of the law is that which God first revealed to Adam in Eden, and then published in the covenant God made with Israel at Mount Sinai when the Ten Commandments were written down on two tablets of stone and given to the people of God (cf. Exodus 24). The Gospel, on the other hand, is the content of what God has done in Jesus Christ to save us from our sins. The revelation of this Gospel begins in Genesis 3:15 when God promises to rescue Adam from the curse and to crush Satan under the heel of a redeemer, and culminates in God's promise that no longer will there be any curse (Revelation 22:3). The law is what God commands of us. The Gospel is what God has done for us in Christ. The law says "do". The Gospel tells us it is "done".

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## *Order of Worship*

### *August 12, 2018*

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

SMPC Music Team

## *Celebrating His Presence*

#### **Preparation for Worship**

#### **Call to Worship**



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

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of heaven and earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen the sorrow for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone, that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But Father, please do not leave us in sorrow. With You there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation, that we may love You with a holy love.



*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.*



## **Assurance of Pardon**

*People:* Thanks be to God!



*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*



## **Merciful God**

Merciful God, O abounding in love,  
Faithful to all who draw near You,  
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart,  
Showing the cross they may cling to.  
Help—I come, broken in sin,  
Found at the feet of Your mercy.  
Father, forgive, may my sin be remembered no more.

Merciful God, O abounding in love,  
Faithful through times we have failed You,  
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed,  
Foolish in word and ungrateful.  
Spirit of God, conquer our hearts  
With love that flows from forgiveness;  
Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

## **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*

## ***And Can It Be***

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me? (*refrain*)

He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me. (*refrain*)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. (*refrain*)

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (*refrain*)

*Refrain:* Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?

## ***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. ↗

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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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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.

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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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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.

## Pastoral Prayer

## Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

### ***By Faith***

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power for break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

*Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.*

Till the race is finished and the work is done we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the Gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name. (*chorus*)

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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(children  
4-6 years  
are  
dismissed  
to  
Children's  
Church at  
this time)  
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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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## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

### Song of Response

#### **What A Savior**

Atoning sacrifice, keeper of this life,  
Hallelujah, You are Savior.  
Beginning and the end, forgiver of my sin,  
By Your mercy You have saved us.

*Chorus:* Jesus, You are stronger,  
More than any other;  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!  
Jesus You are higher,  
My soul's deepest desire,  
Hallelujah, You are Savior!

You are the shepherd King, You lead us by still waters,  
Hallelujah, You are Savior!  
You are my only hope, Your kindness is my friend,  
In Your presence You restore us. (*chorus*)

*Bridge:* You are the way the truth and the life,  
You are my joy and my salvation.  
Stood in my place, taking my shame  
Upon Your shoulders. (*chorus*)

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

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### **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**