

The cross stands as a mystery because it is foreign to everything we exalt – self over principal, power over meekness, the quick fix over the long haul, cover up over confession, escapism over confrontation, comfort over sacrifice, feeling over commitment, legality over justice...man over God.

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Order of Worship

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Prelude

SMC Music Team

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Holy Father, I mourn my sin, ingratitude, and vileness. All things in heaven and earth condemn me—the sun which sees my dark misdeeds, the darkness which is light to You, the cruel accuser who justly charges me, Your righteous Law and holy Word, my neighbors and my own sin-soiled conscience—all write dark things against me. I do not deny them; I make no excuse, but confess, 'Father, I have sinned against You.' Yet, in amazement I find in Your holy Word that another One—One who did not deserve to taste death—has come to earth and borne my sin and shame and given Himself as an atoning sacrifice for my rebellion. And so I fly to Jesus and plead His merit alone, asking for forgiveness and restoration. By Your Spirit, help me now to walk humbly in Your ways, my affections set on things above, living a life of gratitude to Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, who alone saves from sin.

Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

O Lord, You're Beautiful

O Lord, You're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek.
For when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

(repeat)

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

Blessing, Honor and Glory

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold Him down, for He is risen!
Seated upon the Throne, He is the Lamb of God!

(repeat)

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.

You, O Lord, Are a Great God

I come to You, O Lord, with a thankful heart.
I sing my song of love and praise for who You are. *(chorus)*

I bring to You, O Lord, a sacrifice of praise.
And of Your wondrous works, I'll sing for all my days. *(chorus)*

Chorus: For You, O Lord, are a great God, glorious and strong.
You, O Lord, are a great God, I worship You alone.

(last time: repeat chorus)

Deep, Deep Love

Your deep, deep love washes over me.
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Your deep, deep love cleanses all my sins.
Your deep, deep love brings a peace within.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Chorus: Lord, my heart is filled with praises,
For Your goodness makes me sing.
Jesus, I'm forever grateful,
For Your love has done a work in me.

It's Your deep, deep love washes over me.
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Oh yes, it draws me to Your deep, deep love.
Oh yes, it draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Deepening Our Commitment

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

(Children ages 4-6 may be dismissed for Children's Church during song)

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.

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.

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

"Christian Growth" 2 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 6:1
Theme: The Means of Grace

Introduction:

- I. Ways in Which We Grow
 - A. Growth in grace (2 Peter 3:18)
 - B. Growth in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18)
 - C. Growth in faith (Luke 17:5-6; 2 Corinthians 10:15; 2 Thessalonians 1:3)

- II. What Growth Looks Like
 - A. Knowing what we have in Christ (Ephesians 1:3, 15-23; 3:16-21)
 - B. Appropriating what we have in Christ (Ephesians 4:1ff)
 - C. Perfect blessing/imperfect recipient (Philippians 3:12-19)

- III. The Means by Which We Grow
 - A. The word of God/Gospel (1 Peter 2:2; Romans 1:16)
 - B. Sacraments (1 Corinthians 10:15-16; Romans 4:11)
 - C. Trials (Romans 5:3-5)
 - D. Community (Ephesians 4:8-16)
 - E. Prayer (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Conclusion:

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
‘Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
Ev’n then this shall be all my plea, Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me—
For me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear Thy voice; now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.

Benediction