

Of course, our most important relationship is with our heavenly Father. This one relationship is so significant that it supersedes and impacts every other relationship we have. From the Gospel we learn who we are and how God sees us. Is He pleased with us? Does He love us? Has He welcomed us? Is He waiting for us to obey before He declares His love and commitment to us? The Gospel answers these questions deeply and beautifully. We are sinful and flawed yet loved and welcomed. These simple truths change everything about the way we see ourselves and others. They teach us who we are and also how we are to respond in every conceivable relationship.

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## *Order of Worship*

### *August 25, 2013*

#### **Prelude**

SMC Music Team

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

### *Celebrating His Presence*

#### **Preparation for Worship**

#### **Call to Worship**

### ***Holy, Holy, Holy!***

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

#### **Invocation**

#### **A Gospel Moment**

#### **The Prayer of Confession and Repentance**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## **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.

## **Reception of New Member**

## **Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord**

## ***Experiencing Renewal***

### ***You Are High and Lifted Up***

There is no glory in my own wisdom;  
There is no power in my own strength;  
There is no might in my own riches,  
But I will boast in knowing You.

For You are high and lifted up, the glory of the nations,  
You are high and lifted up, the Lord of all the earth,  
You are high and lifted up, Creator, Redeemer,  
And I will boast in knowing You.

### ***O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus***

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;  
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

# Deepening Our Commitment

## Pastoral Prayer

## Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: Colossians: The Supremacy of Christ  
“Fathers Who Foster Hope” Colossians 3:20-21  
*Theme: The Gospel and Fatherhood*

## Song of Preparation to Hear God’s Word

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

### *Isaiah 40*

Lord, I will put my trust in You and I will not faint.  
Lord, I will put my trust In You.  
Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.  
Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.

You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,  
So I put my trust in You.  
You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,  
So I put my trust in You.

Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.  
Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.

You have been my strength, You have been my shield,  
You have been my mighty tower.  
You have been my strength, You have been my shield,  
You have been my mighty tower.  
You have been my mighty tower.

Introduction:

I. The Role Model for Fathers

II. The Command for Fathers

III. The Purpose of the Command for Fathers

Conclusion:

## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

## Song of Response

### *Mighty to Save*

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations. *(chorus)*

*Chorus:* Savior, He can move the mountains;  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save!  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again;  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in; now I surrender. *(chorus)*

*Bridge:* Shine your light and let the whole world see:  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus!  
Shine your light and let the whole world see:  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King!

*(repeat chorus twice)*

**Communion** *(Please note that the outer ring is juice and the inner rings are wine)*

## Benevolence Offering

## Benediction