

If Christian slaves were expected to work heartily out of reverence for the Lord, every Christian, regardless of circumstances, must do the same thing. The temptation may be to work only to attract attention or to get by with as little as possible. The Christian, by contrast, must give wholehearted service in the workplace in all circumstances, because our work is something done for the Lord. We work in confidence that it will not be wasted but that it will be gathered up by God, who brings everything to its successful culmination.

Those who find themselves in a position of control over others should always seek to preserve dignity, fairness, and respect and to avoid treating persons as disposable property. Those whose management decisions affect the lives of others should not forget the biblical principle that the measure you mete out to others will be the measure that you receive. Always trying to enhance the bottom line may lead one to cross the line of what is normal and just.

David E. Garland, *The NIV Application Commentary (Colossians/Philemon)*

## *Order of Worship*

### *September 1, 2013*

#### **Prelude**

SMC Music Team

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

### *Celebrating His Presence*

#### **Preparation for Worship**

#### **Call to Worship**

### ***Here I Am to Worship***

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

*Chorus:* Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

*(repeat chorus twice)*

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
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*(repeat chorus twice)*

#### **Invocation**

#### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Father, we are sorry for the many times we have left You and chosen to satisfy our own selfish desires. For the times we have hurt the members of our families by refusing to do our share of the family tasks. Father, we have sinned. Forgive us. For the times we were unkind and impatient with those who needed our time and concern. Father, we have sinned. Forgive us. For the times we were too weak to stand up for what was right and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice. Father, we have sinned. Forgive us. For the times we refused to forgive others. Father, we have sinned. Forgive us.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*People:* Thanks be to God!

### ***Grace Flows Down***

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.  
Amazing love, now flowing down  
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree;  
As grace flows down and covers me.

*Chorus:* It covers me, it covers me,  
It covers me, and covers me.

*(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***

### ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye:  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,  
And ev'rywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

### ***Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me***

Lord, Thou hast searched me, and dost know where'er I rest, where'er I go;  
Thou knowest all that I have planned, and all my ways are in Thy hand.

My words from Thee I cannot hide; I feel Thy pow'r on every side;  
O wondrous knowledge, awesome might, unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I go apart from Thee, or whither from Thy presence flee?  
In heav'n? It is Thy dwelling fair; in death's abode? Lo, Thou art there.

If I the wings of morning take, and far away my dwelling make,  
The hand that leadeth me is Thine, and my support Thy pow'r divine.

If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from Thee;  
To Thee both night and day are bright, the darkness shineth as the light.

# Deepening Our Commitment

## ***You Are My Hiding Place***

*(Psalm 31:19-20)*

You are my hiding place,  
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,  
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You, I will trust in You,  
Let the weak say, “I am strong in the strength of the Lord.”

*(repeat)*

I will trust in You, let the weak say,  
“I am strong in the strength of the Lord.” I will trust in You.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Song of Preparation to Hear God’s Word**

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

### ***I Look to the Shepherd***

I look to the Shepherd, He meets all my needs;  
Beside the still waters He faithfully leads,  
Bringing peace to my soul, as His love makes me whole. *(chorus)*

And when in the valley of deepest despair,  
I look to the Shepherd, His presence is there;  
Bringing peace to my soul, as His love makes me whole. *(chorus)*

*Chorus:* Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me,  
Follow me all the days of my life.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, all my life.

## **Preaching of the Word**

Tim Posey

Series: Colossians: The Supremacy of Christ  
“Gospelized Work Relations” Colossians 3:22 – 4:1  
*Theme: The Gospel in Relationships*

Introduction:

- I. Responsibility of Servants (vv. 22-23)
  - A. Imperative
  - B. Manner
  
- II. Rewards for Faithful Servants (v. 24)
  - A. Positive
  - B. Negative
  
- III. Responsibilities of Masters
  - A. Manner
  - B. Accountability

Conclusion:

## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

## Song of Response

### *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my strength, my light, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Glory died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## Benediction