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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.

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In a world ruled by law, grace stands as a sign of contradiction. We want fairness; the gospel gives us an innocent man nailed to a cross who cries out, “Father, forgive them.”...Having embraced Christ in the hellhole of a Siberian prison, among cell mates who mocked his infirmities and despised his advantages, Dostoevsky understood grace at its most contradictory. In his novels it enters stealthily, without warning, silencing the skeptics and disarming the cynics. They think they have life figured out until suddenly an encounter with pure grace leaves them breathless.

Philip Yancey, *Soul Survivor: How My Faith Survived the Church*

Order of Worship

May 11, 2014

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

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

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Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see.

This is He Whom heav'n-taught singers sang of old with one accord,
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing,
All dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring.

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Lord Jesus, give me a deeper repentance, a horror of sin and a dread of its approach; help me to flee from it, and to jealously resolve that my heart shall be Yours alone. Give me a deeper trust, that I may lose myself to find myself in You—the ground of my rest, the spring of my being. Give me a deeper knowledge of You as Savior, Master, Lord and King. Give me deeper power in private prayer, more sweetness in Your Word, and a more steadfast grip on its truth. Give me deeper holiness in speech, thought and action, and don't allow me to seek moral virtue apart from You. I have no master but You, no law but Your will, no delight but You, no wealth apart from You, no good apart from Your blessing, no peace save that which You give. I am nothing except that which You make me, I have nothing that You did not give me, and I can be nothing apart from Your glorious grace.



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!

Great is the Lord, His Mercy Endures

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is His mercy to me.
And as far as the east is from the west,
So far are my sins from me.

Great is the Lord,
His mercy endures forever, forever.
Great is the Lord,
His mercy endures forever, forever.

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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (*chorus*)

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry, Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Don't let that ransomed sinner die!

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise;
Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears and rise.

(last time repeat chorus)

How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Now unto the King who reigns over all,
And never changes or turns;
Unfailing justice, unfading grace,
Whose promises remain, yes, Your promises remain.

Chorus: The heavens ring, the saints all sing, "Great is Your faithfulness".
From age to age we will proclaim,
"Great is Your faithfulness, how great is Your faithfulness". ↗

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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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Everything changes, but You stay the same;
Your Word and Kingdom endure.
We lean on the promise of all that You are,
And trust forevermore; we will trust forevermore. (*chorus*)

Bridge: From generation to generation,
You never fail us, O God.
Yesterday and today and tomorrow,
Until the day You return.

(*repeat chorus twice*)



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



Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me;
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale, I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: The Savior of Sinners
“A Radical Commandment” Luke 6:27-36
Theme: What Gospel Love Looks Like

Introduction:

- I. Love Your Enemies (vv. 27-31)
 - A. What this love looks like
 - B. “The Golden Rule”

- II. Reciprocity (vv. 32-34)

- III. Incarnation (v. 36)

Conclusion:



*Since Jesus Christ has committed Himself to us in the laying down of His precious life, we are reminded of this in the preaching of the Word and likewise called to a daily, **deepening commitment** to follow after Him.*





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

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee all in all.

We taste of Thee, O living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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



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



Benediction

