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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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"A life of self-sacrificing unselfishness is the most divinely beautiful life that man can lead... What is more unnatural than that the God of the universe should become a servant in the world, ministering not to His Father only, but also to His creatures, --our Lord and Master washing our very feet?"

--B.B. Warfield *Imitating the Incarnation*

## *Order of Worship*

### *November 2, 2014*

**Prelude**

SMPC Music Team

**Welcome and Announcements**

## *Celebrating His Presence*

**Preparation for 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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**Call to Worship**

## *The Heav'ns Declare Thy Glory (Psalm 19)*

The heav'ns declare Thy glory, the firmament Thy pow'r;  
Day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour;  
Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land,  
O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of Thy hand.

The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant Thy praise,  
And moonbeams soft and tender their gentler anthems raise;  
O'er every tribe and nation the music strange is poured,  
The song of all creation to Thee, creation's Lord.

All heav'n on high rejoices to do its Maker's will;  
The stars with solemn voices resound Thy praises still;  
So let my whole behavior, thoughts, words and actions be,  
O Lord, my Strength, my Savior, one ceaseless song to Thee.

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Holy Father, when You are angry towards me for my wrongs I try to pacify You by abstaining from future sin. Please teach me that I can never satisfy Your law, and that my efforts to do so are resting in my own righteousness. But only Christ's righteousness, already finished, is fit for that purpose; Your chastising me for my sin is not so that I should try to reform, but that I might be humble before You, knowing my need for Your grace and power, knowing that I am made righteous only by faith in Christ, and transformed by the power of Your Spirit. Bring me to realize that my sufficiency and ability in Him is solid ground I can stand on, that I can never be strong by resting on faith in myself or my good works, but only by trusting in You by faith as my only support. I am humbled by the knowledge that I am not as holy as I should be, but I rejoice in You, because You are everything to me, and to possess You is to have everything I need. Lord, when I rely on anyone or anything other than You, it comes between us and I walk in prideful sin. Please forgive me for this, to the glory and praise of Jesus Christ my Savior.



*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!

### ***From Depths of Woe***

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O who shall stand before Thee? (*echo*) O who shall stand before Thee? (*echo*)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! are all in vain, in much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy. (*echo*) And live alone by mercy. (*echo*)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free,  
From all their sin and sorrow. (*echo*) From all their sin and sorrow. (*echo*)

## **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.



*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.*



## ***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.



*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**

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



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



### ***Before the Throne of God Above***

Before the Throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea;  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is written on His hands, my name is hidden in His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands no power can force me to depart,  
No power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end of all my sin,  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect sinless Righteousness,  
The Great unchangeable "I AM", the King of glory and of grace!  
One with my Lord I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood,  
My life is safe with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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# Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

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“Unity Part 2: Unity found in participation in Christ”

Philippians 2:1-4

Pride and selfishness erode our relationships and our churches. Laying down his rights by seeking the low place is the path Christ took. Since the Holy Spirit brings us into this participation with Christ himself, we lay hold of encouragement and love found in him! This causes us to see how our pride and conceit can be dismantled by the dual benefits Christ gives to us in humility and love.

1. Truth #1: Encouragement and Love found in Christ

2. Truth #2: Encouragement and Love are given to us by the Spirit

3. Tool #1: Christ's Humility dismantles selfish-ambition

4. Tool #2: Christ's Love dismantles conceit



*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

#### *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

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, shouldst die for me? (*refrain*)

He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),  
Humbled Himself (so great His love!) and bled for all His chosen 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, shouldst die for me?



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



### Benediction

