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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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Jesus Christ exhibited no self-conscious aloofness. He served others first; He spoke to those to whom no one spoke. He dined with the lowest members of society; He touched the untouchables. He had no throne, no crown, no bevy of servants or armored guards. A borrowed manger and a borrowed tomb framed His earthly life.

Kings and presidents and prime ministers surround themselves with minions who rush ahead, swing the doors wide, and stand at attention as they wait for the great to pass. Jesus said that He Himself stands at the door and knocks, patiently waiting to enter our lives.

Charles Colson: *Kingdoms in Conflict*

## *Order of Worship*

### *October 12, 2014*

**Prelude**

SMPC Music Team

**Welcome and Announcements**

## *Celebrating His Presence*

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

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**Preparation for Worship**

**Call to Worship**

## *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. —Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV



*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*

## *Only Your Mercy*

Only Your mercy, only Your grace  
Only Your Spirit brings us to faith;  
O what a wonder that You chose us first  
Not by our merit, but Your perfect work.

Only Your goodness, only Your love,  
Only Your pardon poured out in blood;  
Your righteousness exchanged for our sin,  
O what a Savior, O what a friend!

*Chorus:* Jesus, we long to worship You,  
And give You all glory and praise;  
All that You are, all that You have,  
We have received by faith.

*(repeat verse 1/repeat chorus twice)*

## *You Are Worthy of My Praise*

I will worship (I will worship) with all of my heart (with all of my heart).  
I will praise You (I will praise You) with all of my strength (all my strength).  
I will seek You (I will seek You) all of my days (all of my days).  
I will follow (I will follow) all of Your ways (all Your ways). (*chorus*)

I will bow down (I will bow down), hail You as King (hail You as King).  
I will serve You (I will serve You), give You ev'rything (give You ev'rything).  
I will lift up (I will lift up) my eyes to Your throne (my eyes to your throne).  
And I will trust You, (I will trust You,)  
I will trust You alone (trust You alone). (*chorus*)

*Chorus:* I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.  
You alone I long to worship. You alone are worthy of my praise.

*(last time repeat chorus)*



*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.*



## Pastoral Prayer



*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.*



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



## Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

### *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.





*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

#### *Your Grace Is Enough*

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.  
 You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.  
 So, remember Your people, remember Your children,  
 Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,  
 Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.  
 You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.  
 So, remember Your people, remember Your children,  
 Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us.  
 Your grace is enough for me. (God, I see)  
 Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.  
 Your grace is enough for me.....for me.

*The Guidelines to receiving the Lord's Supper can be found on page 12.*



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



### Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

### Benediction

