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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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This, I say, is how the Lord Jesus often deals with the barren professor: He digs about him,, He smites one blow at his heart, another blow at his lusts, a third at his pleasures, a fourth at his comforts, and another at his self-conceitedness: thus he digs about him. This is the way to take bad earth from the roots, and to loosen his roots from the earth. Barren fig tree! See here the care, the love, the labor, and way, which the Lord Jesus, the Dresser of the vineyard, is likely to take with you, that you may be made fruitful.

John Bunyan, *The Barren Fig Tree*

Order of Worship

March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Blessed Lord Jesus, before Your cross I kneel and see the heinousness of my sin that caused You to be made a curse, the evil in me that brings divine wrath. Let me see in Your crown of thorns, in Your pierced hands and feet and bruised body, in Your dying cries, the enormity of my guilt. Infinite must be the guilt that demands such a price. Yet in seeing, let me also see the magnitude of Your salvation, for Your blood is the blood of incarnate God, its worth infinite, its value beyond all thought. Father, let me see the grace that removes my burdens and heaps them on Your Son, made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for me. At the cross Your infinite justice was magnified, and infinite atonement was made; there infinite punishment was due, and infinite punishment endured. Christ was cast off so that I might be brought in, stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, and made a shame that I might inherit glory. O Father, who spared not Your only Son so that You might spare me, all this You have purposed from eternity and brought to fulfillment in the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Give me eyes to see all that You have accomplished—Satan baffled, defeated, and destroyed, sin buried in the ocean of His reconciling blood, hell's gates closed, and heaven opened. Help me to adore You with my lips and life. And now, knowing all that You have accomplished, bind me forever in love to Jesus, who died and rose for me. Amen.



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!

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

Deep, Deep Love

Your deep, deep love washes over me.
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Your deep, deep love cleanses all my sins.
Your deep, deep love brings a peace within.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Chorus: Lord, my heart is filled with praises,
For Your goodness makes me sing.
Jesus, I'm forever grateful,
For Your love has done a work in me.

It's Your deep, deep love washes over me.
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Oh yes, it draws me to Your deep, deep love.
Oh yes, it draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Take Our Lives

Worship leader: You have called us chosen, a royal priesthood,
A holy nation, and we belong to You.

Congregation: You have called us chosen, a royal priesthood,
A holy nation, and we belong to You. (*chorus*)

Worship Leader: You have shown us mercy, You have redeemed us,
Our hearts cry, "Father, we belong to You." ↗



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.



Congregation: You have shown us mercy, You have redeemed us,
Our hearts cry, "Father, we belong to You." (*chorus*)

Chorus: Take our lives as a sacrifice. Shine in us Your holy light.
Purify our hearts' desire, be to us a consuming fire.

(*last time repeat chorus*)

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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

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

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



Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: The Savior of Sinners
“Straightened Up and Flying Right”
Theme: Judgment and Mercy

Luke 13:6-17

Introduction:

- I. Suspended Judgment (vv. 6-9)

- II. Healing on the Sabbath (vv. 10-13)

- III. Reason for Judgment (vv. 14-16)

- IV. Shame and Rejoicing (v. 17)

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

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

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.*

Benevolence Offering



Benediction

