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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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Lord! When Thou didst Thyself undress
Laying by Thy robes of glory,
To make us more, Thou wouldst be less,
And became a woeful story.

Ah, my dear Lord! What couldst Thou spy
In this impure, rebellious clay,
That made Thee thus resolve to die
For those that kill Thee every day?

O what strange wonders could Thee move
To slight Thy precious blood, and breath!
Sure it was Love, my Lord; for Love
Is only stronger far than death!

Henry Vaughn

Order of Worship

April 26, 2015

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

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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Join All the Glorious Names

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
That ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore;
All are too poor to speak His worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless Thy name:
By Thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
The joyful news of sins forgiv'n, of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside;
His powerful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,
Thy scepter and Thy sword, Thy reigning grace, I sing:
Thine is the pow'r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath Thy feet.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good, who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, O Lord! With heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that Your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretched wand'rer far astray;
Found thee lost and kindly brought thee from the paths of death away.
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling, Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
And, the light of hope revealing, Bade the blood-stained cross appear.

Praise thy Savior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to give,
Held a blood-sealed pardon to thee, bade thee look to Him and live.

Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee, roused thee from thy fatal ease;
Praise the grace whose promise warmed thee, praise the grace that whispered peace.

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reception of New Members

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

10,000 Reasons

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (*chorus*)

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! (*chorus*)

Closer

Search me O God and know my thoughts,
Nothing is hidden from You.
Lead me along Your path of life that I may walk in truth. (*chorus*)

Create in me a clean heart, renew a right spirit in me.
Make of me, Lord, a servant who walks in humility. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Bring me closer, closer, closer to You, my Lord.
Bring me closer, closer to Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.

(last time repeat chorus)

To Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.
To Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.



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

Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow, there is beauty in our tears,
And You meet us in our mourning with a love that casts out fear.

You are working in our waiting, sanctifying us,
When beyond our understanding You're teaching us to trust (*chorus*)

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper, You've not forgotten us,
You're with us in the fire and the flood;
Faithful forever, perfect in love, You are sovereign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined, who could understand Your ways;
Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace.

You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind;
You surround and You uphold me, and Your promises are my delight. (*chorus*)

Bridge: Even what the enemy means for evil, You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good and for Your glory.
Even in the valley You are faithful, You're working for our good,
You're working for our good and for Your glory.

(*chorus*)

Faithful forever, perfect in love, You are sovereign over us.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: The Savior of Sinners
"The Lament of Christ" Luke 13:31-35
Theme: The Compassion of Jesus

Introduction:

- I. Outfoxing that Old Fox (vv. 31-32a)

- II. Finishing His Work (vv. 32a-33)

- III. Feeling Compassion from the Heart (v. 34a)

- IV. Willing to Save (vv. 34b-35)

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

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy laws demands,
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in 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)



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

Benevolence Offering



Benediction

