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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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We are in union with the Spirit and the Spirit is in union with us-and together we are in union with Jesus Christ and He with us. This relationship is deeply mysterious; we cannot fathom its depths. The parallel is the mutual indwelling of the Father and Son: "the Father is in me and I am in the Father" (John 10:38). Each individual identity is preserved even as the closest possible fellowship is suggested. A glorious privilege. Can we imagine a more glorious privilege than this?

Derek Thomas, *How the Gospel Brings Us All the Way Home*

## *Order of Worship*

### *June 14, 2015*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Josh Cools

**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**

## *Here I Am to Worship*

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

*Chorus:* Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

*(repeat chorus twice)*

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

*(repeat chorus twice)*

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above You. We have made idols of possessions and people and used Your name for causes that are not consistent with You and Your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship You. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of Your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to Your ways 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!

## ***Grace Like Rain***

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see so clearly. (*chorus*)

*Chorus:* Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me.  
Hallelujah! And all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. (*chorus*)

*(repeat chorus)*

## **The Blessing**

*Minister:* The grace of God be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

**Farewell to the Ferguson family**

Dan Phillips

**Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord**

# *Experiencing Renewal*

## *Offering*

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love;  
There is no shadow in Your presence.  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,  
Before the Holy One of Heaven.  
It's only by Your blood, and it's only through Your mercy,  
Lord, I come.

*Chorus:* I bring an offering of worship to my King.  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.  
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due;  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

*(repeat verse, chorus, chorus)*

## *Be Unto Your Name*

We are a moment, You are forever,  
Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor, You are eternal,  
Love everlasting, reigning on high. *(chorus)*

*Chorus:* Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,  
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song we'll sing forever,  
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. *(chorus)*

*(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.*



## Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

### *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”



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



# Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Mark Russell

“God Redeems in order to Inhabit”

Philippians 2:12-13

O-B-E-Y is a four letter word. To some, it brings images of blind obedience to oppressive, often religiously-motivated tyrants. To others, it grates on the 18th Century ideals of personal autonomy. All obedience is an embodied act of trust in some sort of authority. What, if anything, makes Christian obedience distinct? This sermon will argue that since God redeems your whole person in salvation, we are called to a daily, embodied act of trusting in the indwelling power of the exalted Jesus Christ.

Obedience is embodied trust.

Obedience mines the riches of salvation.

Obedience is motivated by intimacy with the exalted Christ.



*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

#### *Not What My Hands Have Done*

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save Thine, no other blood will do;  
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I praise the God of grace; I trust His truth and might;  
He calls me His, I call Him mine, My God, my joy, my light.  
'Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives.

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



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



### Benediction