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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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Take me to You, imprison me.
For I, except You enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except YOU ravish me.

John Dunne

Order of Worship

June 28, 2015

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

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

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

O Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in Your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart, praise uttered by my lips has often been from a heart void of worship, my best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let me find a cover in Your appeasing wounds—for though my sins rise to heaven, Your merits soar above them. All things in me call for my rejection, yet all things in You plead my acceptance.

I appeal from the throne of perfect justice to Your throne of boundless grace. Grant that I might hear Your voice assuring me: that by Your stripes I am healed, that You have been made sin for me that I might be righteous in You, that my sins, though many and grievous, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of Your concealing blood. I am guilty—but pardoned; lost—but saved; wandering—but found; sinning—but cleansed. Give me broken-heartedness for my sins, flood me every moment with descending grace. Open to me the springs of divine knowledge, sparkling like crystal, flowing clear and unsullied through my wilderness of life.



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!

Pearly Gates

Love divine so great and wondrous,
Deep and mighty, pure sublime;
Coming from the heart of Jesus
Just the same through tests of time. (*chorus*)

Chorus: He the pearly gates will open, so that I may enter in;
For He purchased my redemption and forgave me all my sin.

Like a dove when hunted, frightened,
As a wounded fawn was I;
Broken hearted yet he healed me,
He will heed the sinner's cry. (*chorus*)

Love divine so great and wondrous,
All my sins He then forgave!
I will sing His praise forever,
For His blood, His pow'r to save. (*chorus*)

(*repeat chorus*)

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Baptism of Covenant Child

Joanna Pearl Russell

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Psalm 121

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You, Maker of Heaven,
Creator of the earth. *(repeat)*

Chorus: O how I need You Lord, You are my only hope;
You're my only prayer.
So I will wait for You to come and rescue me,
Come and give me life.

(repeat verse/repeat chorus twice)

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.



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.





*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



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



Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

My Hope

My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ, He is my only plea.
Though all the world should point and scorn,
His ransom leaves me free, His ransom leaves me free.

My hope sustains me as I strive and strain towards the goal.
Though still I stumble into sin,
His death paid for it all, His death paid for it all.

My hope provides me with a spur to help me run this race.
I know my tears will turn to joy
The day I see His face, the day I see His face.

My hope is to be with my Lord, to know as I am known.
To serve Him gladly all my days
In praise before His throne, in praise before His throne.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: The Savior of Sinners
"The Second Lost Son" Luke 15:20-32
Theme: Participating in the Dance of God

Introduction:

- I. The Lostness of the Elder Brother
 - A. With God but far from God
 - B. Goodness as a mask
 - C. Goodness as a weapon

- II. Signs of Elder Brother Lostness
 - A. Anger/comparison
 - B. Hates the Law of God
 - C. A deadly combination
 - D. Inability to forgive
 - E. Hatred of evangelism

- III. Recovering Elder Brothers
 - A. Hating elder brothers
 - B. The better Elder Brother
 - C. The celebration

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

There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. (*chorus*)

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. (*chorus*)

When I stand in glory I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that Holy place. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

(last time repeat chorus)

*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

