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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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The singer and songwriter known around the world simply as Bono said in an interview, “The thing that keeps me on my knees is the difference between grace and karma.” When asked to explain the difference he said, “At the center of all other religions is the idea of karma. You know, what you put out comes back to you...Yet along comes this idea called grace to upend all that...Love interrupts the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I’ve done a lot of very stupid stuff...It doesn’t excuse my mistakes, but I’m holding out for grace. I’m holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the cross, because I know who I am, and I hope I don’t have to depend on my own religiosity.”

Order of Worship

July 19, 2015

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see.

This is He Whom heav'n-taught singers sang of old with one accord,
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing,
All dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring.

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Holy Father, when You are angry towards me for my wrongs I try to pacify You by abstaining from future sin. Please teach me that I can never satisfy Your law, and that my efforts to do so are resting in my own righteousness. But only Christ's righteousness, already finished, is fit for that purpose; Your chastising me for my sin is not so that I should try to reform, but that I might be humble before You, knowing my need for Your grace and power, knowing that I am made righteous only by faith in Christ, and transformed by the power of Your Spirit. Bring me to realize that my sufficiency and ability in Him is solid ground I can stand on, that I can never be strong by resting on faith in myself or my good works, but only by trusting in You by faith as my only support. I am humbled by the knowledge that I am not as holy as I should be, but I rejoice in You, because You are everything to me, and to possess You is to have everything I need. Lord, when I rely on anyone or anything other than You, it comes between us and I walk in prideful sin. Please forgive me for this, to the glory and praise of Jesus Christ my Savior.



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!

White as Snow

White as snow, white as snow,
Though my sins were as scarlet;
Lord, I know, Lord, I know,
That I'm clean and forgiven.

Through the power of Your blood,
Through the wonder of Your love,
Through faith in You I know
That I can be white as snow.

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

You Are High and Lifted Up

There is no glory in my own wisdom;
There is no power in my own strength;
There is no might in my own riches,
But I will boast in knowing You.

For You are high and lifted up, the glory of the nations,
You are high and lifted up, the Lord of all the earth,
You are high and lifted up, Creator, Redeemer,
And I will boast in knowing You.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.



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.



Purify My Heart

Purify my heart, touch me with Your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross, Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love that flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart; purify my heart.

(repeat all)



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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the Throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea;
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on His hands, my name is hidden in His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands no power can force me to depart,
No power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end of all my sin,
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect sinless Righteousness,
The Great unchangeable "I AM", the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is safe with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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My life is safe with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.



(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

“When the Gospel Becomes Really Good News”

Luke 16:14-18

Theme: God's Laws Don't Have Loopholes—That's Why We Sing “Amazing Grace”

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*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.*

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Introduction:

- I. The Ridicule of the Self Righteous (v. 14)

- II. The Rebuke of Jesus (v. 15)

- III. The Only Way to Get Right with God (vv. 16-18)

Conclusion:



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

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever living One, His wounds for me shall plead. (*refrain*)

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him, He'll never cast me out. (*refrain*)

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God;
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' His blood. (*refrain*)

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.



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



Benediction

