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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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P.T. Forsyth says that the root of all valid spirituality is faith. “It is a fatal mistake to thing of holiness as a possession which we have distinct from our faith...Every Christian experience is an experience of faith; that is, it is an experience of what we have not..It is not our experience of holiness that makes us believe in the Holy Ghost. It is a matter of faith that we are God’s children; there is plenty of evidence against it...The height of sinlessness means the deepest sense of sin.”

Richard F. Lovelace, *Renewal as a Way of Life*

## *Order of Worship*

### *October 11, 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**

## *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to Your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that You alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to Your commands. Within Your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been Your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. 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!

### *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart. (*refrain*)

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,  
Have paid the law's full price and purchased peace for me. (*refrain*)

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:  
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee. (*refrain*)

*Refrain:* To whom, save Thee, who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

## 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*

## *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light;  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
On thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
Sing "Holy, Holy, Holy", to the great God Triune.

On thee, at the creation the light first had its birth;  
On thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
On thee our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n  
And thus on thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.

Thou art a port protected from storms that round us rise;  
A garden intersected with streams of Paradise;  
Thou art a cooling fountain in life's dry, dreary sand;  
From thee, like Pisgah's mountain, we view our promised land.

New graces ever gaining, from this our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining, to spirits of the blest.  
\*To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;  
The church her voice upraises, to Thee, blest Three in One.

*(\*repeat at asterisk)*

## *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

*Chorus:* To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

*(repeat all/repeat chorus)*

*Bridge:* Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

*(repeat bridge)*



*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

## Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

### *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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





## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings



*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.*



## 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.*



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



## Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

*(Please note that the outer ring is juice and the inner rings are wine)*

## Benediction

