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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 words *compelle intrare*, compel them to come in, have been so abused by wicked men that we shudder at them; but, properly understood, they plumb the depth of the divine mercy. The hardness of God is kinder than the softness of men, and His compulsion is our liberation.

C.S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew  
He moved my heart to seek Him, seeking me;  
It was not that I found, O Savior true;  
No, I was found of Thee.

## *Order of Worship* *October 25, 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**

## *A Mighty Fortress*

A mighty Fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing;  
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth His Name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is for ever.

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through Your name. 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.

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

# *Experiencing Renewal*

## *Only Jesus*

Father of grace, You've sacrificed  
Your only Son for us, the crucified Jesus.  
Enlarge our hearts, to love Your Son,  
O grant to us the grace to walk with Him always.  
To make Him our great delight, bringing worship with our lives.

*Chorus:* Only Jesus! Only Jesus! Give us Jesus, we cry.  
Only Jesus! Only Jesus! The Pearl of greatest price.

Spirit of grace, You've shed Your light,  
Upon our darkened eyes, unveiling Jesus Christ.  
Come change our hearts, conform our ways,  
To honor Jesus' Name, His glory our refrain.  
Let His love compel our own, as we worship at His throne. (*chorus*)

*Bridge:* Jesus, our great Savior, Lord of heaven, Son of God.  
Jesus, our great Savior, Lord of heaven, Son of God. (*chorus*)

*(last time repeat chorus)*

## *The Apostles' Creed*

(Sung to the tune of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

I believe in God the Father, Maker of the heav'n and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son of matchless worth.  
By the Holy Ghost conceiv-ed, virgin Mary bore God's Son,  
He in whom I have believ-ed, God Almighty, Three in One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified for me, He died,  
Lies within the grave so silent, gates of hell He opened wide,  
And the stone sealed tomb was empty, on the third day He arose.  
Into heaven made His entry, Mighty Victor o'er His foes. ↗



*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.*



At God's right hand He is seated, till His coming, as He said;  
Final judgment will be meted to the living and the dead;  
I confess the Holy Spirit has been sent through Christ, the Son,  
He applies salvation's merit. God the Spirit— Three in One.

I believe the church of Jesus, holy catholic remains,  
We are one through all the ages, with communion of the saints.  
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised,  
Everlasting life in heaven; Amen, let His name be praised.



*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**

*(children 4-5 years old are dismissed to Children's Church at this time)*

#### ***The Church's One Foundation***

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.



## 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.*



*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.*



### Song of Response

#### *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my strength, my light, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Glory died, the wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

### Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

### Benevolence Offering

### Benediction

