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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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Do any of us find decays in grace prevailing in us—deadness, coldness, lukewarmness, a kind of spiritual stupidity and senselessness coming upon us?...Let us assure ourselves there is no better way for our healing and deliverance, yea, no other way but this alone—namely, the obtaining a fresh view of the glory of Christ by faith, and a steady abiding therein. Constant contemplation of Christ and His glory, putting forth its transforming power unto the revival of all grace, is the only relief in this case.

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Order of Worship

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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

The Heav'ns Declare Thy Glory (Psalm 19)

The heav'ns declare Thy glory, the firmament Thy pow'r;
Day unto day the story repeats from hour to hour;
Night unto night replying, proclaims in every land,
O Lord, with voice undying, the wonders of Thy hand.

The sun with royal splendor goes forth to chant Thy praise,
And moonbeams soft and tender their gentler anthems raise;
O'er every tribe and nation the music strange is poured,
The song of all creation to Thee, creation's Lord.

All heav'n on high rejoices to do its Maker's will;
The stars with solemn voices resound Thy praises still;
So let my whole behavior, thoughts, words and actions be,
O Lord, my Strength, my Savior, one ceaseless song to Thee.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We continually transgress Your commandments, both in failing to do what You have commanded us, and doing that which You have expressly forbidden. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. We are not worthy to be called Your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to You in prayer.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that You do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to You and live; we know that Your mercy toward those who turn to You is infinite, and so we take courage to call upon You from the depths of our hearts, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion. 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!

Here is Love

Here is love vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood:
When the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He will never be forgotten throughout heav'ns eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above.
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

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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

Blessing, Honor and Glory

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold Him down, for He is risen!
Seated upon the Throne, He is the Lamb of God!

(repeat)

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.

All Heaven Declares

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone.

Forever You will be the Lamb up on the throne.
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone,
I gladly bow my knee and worship You alone.



*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

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

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirit revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: New Year's Special
"The Life-Giving Word" Isaiah 55:1-13
Theme: Feasting on the Word

Introduction:

- I. A sumptuous banquet (vv. 1-5)

- II. An urgent call (vv. 6-9)

- III. An efficacious word (vv. 10-13)

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

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!



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



Benediction

