



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.*



The book of Hebrews is written to a group of urban, first-century Christians who were struggling with fear and discouragement because their lives were so filled with troubles. The question this book addresses is...If God loves us so much, why are our lives so hard? The answer is that fear and discouragement can be dealt with by looking at Jesus.

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Order of Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

*We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.*



Call to Worship

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. (*chorus*)

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above. (*chorus*)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. (*chorus*)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. —Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV



*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.*



Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!



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



Great is the Lord, His Mercy Endures

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is His mercy to me.
And as far as the east is from the west,
So far are my sins from me.

Great is the Lord,
His mercy endures forever, forever.
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His mercy endures forever, forever.

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

Jesus, Lord of Heaven

Jesus, Lord of Heaven, I do not deserve
The grace that You have given, or the promise of Your Word.
Lord, I stand in wonder at the sacrifice You made;
With mercy beyond measure, my debt You freely paid.

Your love is deeper than any ocean,
Higher than the heavens,
Reaches beyond the stars in sky.
Jesus, Your love has no bounds. Jesus, Your love has no bounds.

(repeat verse 1)

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I Have a Shelter

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me;
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in You, my place of peace and solace,
No trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me;
Though justice charges me with guilt, Your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You who bore my condemnation;
I find my refuge in Your wounds for there I find salvation.



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.



I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me,
For in my weakness I have learned Your strength will not forsake me.
*O Jesus, I will hide in You, the One who bears my burdens,
With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.



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.



(*repeat at asterisk)

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word



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



Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility,
Test our thoughts and our attitudes; in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds:
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.



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

Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
 Over all victorious in its bright increase;
 Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
 Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way. *(refrain)*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
 Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
 Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
 Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there. *(refrain)*

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
 Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
 We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
 They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *(refrain)*

Refrain: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
 Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

(Please note that the outer ring is juice and the inner rings are wine; the bread is gluten free)



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



Benevolence Offering

Benediction

