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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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Cast your deadly doing down,
Down at Jesus' feet;
Stand in Him, in Him alone,
Gloriously complete.

Well may the accuser roar
Of sins that I have done;
I know them all and thousands more
Jehovah knoweth none.

Order of Worship

April 8, 2018

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

O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.
All evil overruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,
Your love pursues its purpose—our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before You the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved You, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing You have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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*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.*
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*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*
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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

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Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reception of New Members

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Only Your Mercy

Only Your mercy, only Your grace
Only Your Spirit brings us to faith;
O what a wonder that You chose us first
Not by our merit, but Your perfect work.

Only Your goodness, only Your love,
Only Your pardon poured out in blood;
Your righteousness exchanged for our sin,
O what a Savior, O what a friend!

Chorus: Jesus, we long to worship You,
And give You all glory and praise;
All that You are, all that You have,
We have received by faith.

(repeat verse 1)
(repeat chorus twice)

Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, and ever was the same.
"How can I come?" some soul may say, "I'm lame and cannot walk;
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth; I sigh, but dare not talk."

Chorus: He makes the dead to hear His voice; He makes the blind to see;
The sinner lost He came to save, and set the prisoner free.
Come boldly to the throne of grace, ye wretched sinners come;
And lay your load at Jesus' feet, and plead what He has done. ↗

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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.
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Come boldly to the throne of grace, for Jesus fills the throne;
And those He kills He makes alive; He hears the sigh or groan.
Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know the hell of sin within,
Come boldly to the throne of grace; the Lord will take you in. (*chorus*)

Come boldly to the throne of grace, though lost, and blind and lame;
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend, and ever was the same.

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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.
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Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Children 4-5
years old
are
dismissed to
Children's
Church
during the
song
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Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Hebrews—The Superiority of Jesus
“Entering His Rest” Hebrews 4:1-13
Theme: Sabbath Rest

Introduction:

- I. What rest is
- II. How to understand rest
- III. How to enter rest

Conclusion:

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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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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

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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.

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The Guidelines to receiving the **Lord's Supper** can be found on the last page of the bulletin.

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

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Song of Response

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole. (*chorus*)

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (*chorus*)

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry. (*chorus*)

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

Benediction

