



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.*



I can feel the anchor fast
As I meet each sudden blast,
And the cable, though unseen,
Bears the heavenly strain between;
Through the storm I safely ride,
Till the turning of the tide.
And it holds, my anchor holds;
Blow your wildest, then, O gale,
On my back so small and frail;
By His grace I shall not fail,
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.

Daniel B. Towne

Order of Worship

May 27, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence



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



Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Join All the Glorious Names

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
That ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore;
All are too poor to speak His worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless Thy name:
By Thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
The joyful news of sins forgiv'n, of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside;
His powerful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,
Thy scepter and Thy sword, Thy reigning grace, I sing:
Thine is the pow'r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath Thy feet.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be revered. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem. It is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. —Psalm 130, 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



Tender Mercy (Psalm 28)

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to You,
As I lift my hands in Spirit and in Truth.

Chorus: -Men (Women reply):

We cry mercy (in the name of the Father most Holy),
We cry mercy (in the name of the Son who was slain).
Lord, have mercy (in the name of the Spirit indwelling),
Tender mercy, Lord.

You are mercy (in the name of the Father most Holy),
You are mercy (in the name of the Son who was slain).
Lord, have mercy (in the name of the Spirit indwelling),
Tender mercy, Lord.

In Your tender mercy brought by grace through faith,
I will lift my heart toward Your most Holy Place. (*chorus*)

We cry mercy, we cry mercy; Lord, have mercy;
Tender mercy, Lord; tender mercy, Lord.

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

You Alone Can Rescue

Who, O Lord, could save themselves, their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea; Your grace is deeper still! (*repeat*)

Chorus: You alone can rescue. You alone can save.
You alone can lift us from the grave.
You came down to find us, led us out of death.
To You alone belongs the highest praise!

You, O Lord, have made a way; the great divide You healed.
For when our hearts were far away, Your love went further still!
Yes, Your love goes further still!

(Chorus)

Bridge: We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life!
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life!
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life!
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes, You're the Giver of Life!

(Chorus)

Sing to Jesus

Come and see, look on this mystery:
The Lord of the universe nailed to a tree.
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood, bowing in anguish His sacred head.
Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame, Lord of our sinful hearts,
He is our great Redeemer.
Sing to Jesus, honor His name, sing of His faithfulness,
Pouring His life out unto death. ↗



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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, prays
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He prays
for us.



Come you weary, and He will give you rest.
Come, you who mourn, lay on His breast.
Christ who died, risen in paradise, giver of mercy, giver of life.
Sing to Jesus, His is the throne; Now and forever
He is the King of heaven.
Sing to Jesus, we are His own.
Now and forever sing for the love our God has shown.

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame,
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great Redeemer.
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Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

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Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Lord, Thou hast searched me, and dost know where'er I rest, where'er I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned, and all my ways are in Thy hand.

My words from Thee I cannot hide; I feel Thy pow'r on every side;
O wondrous knowledge, awesome might, unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I go apart from Thee, or whither from Thy presence flee?
In heav'n? It is Thy dwelling fair; in death's abode? Lo, Thou art there.

If I the wings of morning take, and far away my dwelling make,
The hand that leadeth me is Thine, and my support Thy pow'r divine.

If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from Thee;
To Thee both night and day are bright, the darkness shineth as the light.

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

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? (*refrain*)

He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),
Humbled Himself (so great His love!) and bled for all His chosen race.

'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. (*refrain*)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. (*refrain*)

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (*refrain*)

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?



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; the bread is gluten free)

Benevolence Offering

Benediction

