



*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.*



Plato said, “How can a man be happy when he has to serve someone?” For the Greeks, menial “service” was not dignified, surely not to be sought as a way of life.

But Jesus changed all that, radically reversing the world’s standards. He did not make subtle changes or adjustments in a well-entrenched system. He turned the whole thing upside down, making, as it were, the first last and the last first. That kind of change does not allow for compromise. Choice is necessary, and only between two options. Greatness in life, achievements measured by the world’s standard, “service received,” or by the standard of Jesus: “service given.”

George C. Fuller

# *Order of Worship*

## *July 1, 2018*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

SMPC Music Team

## *Celebrating His Presence*

### **Preparation for Worship**

### **Call to Worship**



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



## ***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.

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Behold Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. My faith is often not strong and firm; at times I doubt and do not trust You altogether—strengthen my faith and make my trust in You firm. I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; You are upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness. You are my treasure; therefore, I will remain with You, of whom I may receive, but to whom I may not give.



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*



### ***I'm Forever Grateful***

You did not wait for me to draw near to You,  
But You clothed Yourself with frail humanity.  
You did not wait for me to cry out to You,  
But You let me hear Your voice calling me.

*Chorus:* And I'm forever grateful to You,  
I'm forever grateful for the cross.  
I'm forever grateful to You  
That You came to seek and save the lost.

*(repeat all/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*

## **Great Are You, Lord**

Holy Lord, most holy Lord,  
You alone are worthy of my praise;  
O holy Lord, most holy Lord,  
With all of my heart I sing.

Great are You, Lord, worthy of praise,  
Holy and true, great are You, Lord,  
Most holy Lord.

*(repeat all)*

## **Amazing God**

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,  
Creation revealing Your majesty,  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings, all exclaiming—

*(Chorus)* Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name, You are amazing God.  
All powerful, untamable, awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim You are amazing God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow,  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night; none can fathom. *(chorus)*

Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name, You are amazing God.  
Incomparable, unchangeable, You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same, You are amazing God, You are amazing God.

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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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*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 4-6  
years are  
dismissed to  
Children's  
Church at  
this time)*



### ***Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed***

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!  
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree!  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

# *Deepening Our Commitment*

## **Preaching of the Word**

Tim Posey

Special: Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons  
"Called to Serve" Acts 6:1-6; 1 Peter 5:1-4; John 13:15-16  
*Theme: Officers in the Church*

### Introduction:

- I. Service in the kingdom is not about me; it's about others
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. Service in the kingdom is about loving the unlovely
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- III. Service in the kingdom is about self denial

### 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** 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

## Installation of New Officers

## 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.



**The  
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)*

## **Benediction**

