



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.*



After God gave the promise to Abraham, He gave the law to Moses. Why? He had to make things worse before He could make them better. The law exposed sin, provoked sin, condemned sin. The purpose of the law was to lift the lid off man's respectability and disclose what he really is underneath—sinful, rebellious, guilty, under the judgment of God and helpless to save himself.

And the law must still be allowed to do its God-given duty today. One of the great faults of the contemporary church is the tendency to soft-pedal sin and judgment...We must never bypass the law and come straight to the Gospel. To do so is to contradict the plan of God in biblical history....No man has ever appreciated the Gospel until the law has first revealed him to himself. It is only against the blackness of the night sky that the stars begin to appear, and it is only against the dark background of sin and judgment that the Gospel shines forth.

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Order of Worship

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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.*



Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to You as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy You offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life You set among us. Let us see that the vanity, sensuality and folly of the present world are fleeting, and lead only to inexpressible sorrow, and so seeing, be enabled by Your Spirit to find the only lasting joy—a life lived in and for Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive Your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.*



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 Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one lay down, your head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him my resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank from that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy days be bright."

*I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk 'til pilgrim days are done.

*(*repeat at asterisk)*

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

Holy Is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now; how great, how awesome is He!
And together we sing, everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
And together we sing, everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

The earth is filled with His glory.

I Look to the Shepherd

I look to the Shepherd, He meets all my needs;
Beside the still waters He faithfully leads,
Bringing peace to my soul, as His love makes me whole.

Chorus: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me,
Follow me all the days of my life.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, all my life.

And when in the valley of deepest despair,
I look to the Shepherd, His presence is there;
Bringing peace to my soul, as His love makes me whole. (*chorus*)



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.





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 during Song of Preparation)



My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. (*refrain*)

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. (*refrain*)

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. (*refrain*)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (*refrain*)

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: The Superiority of Christ

“The New Covenant” Hebrews 8:6-13

Theme: *Understanding the Newness of the New Covenant*



*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.*



Introduction:

I. A new covenant

II. The first promise:

III. The second promise:

IV. The third promise:

Conclusion:



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.



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



Benediction

