



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.



Faith—when it is truly faith rather than a mere intellectual assent to some proposition or other—will always seek to enter into a fuller and deeper knowledge and understanding of that which matters most to it. And so Christian faith is driven by a desire to know more of that which is its source and *raison d'être*, to learn to speak and to think more appropriately of that reality, and of the various component parts of the knowledge of it which has been handed down through the ages by the community of faith; to consider the way in which all the things which are believed about this reality cohere with one another; and to explore the pattern of truth which pertains to it. In all this, faith is concerned with what might be called the 'internal coherence' of its own story or gospel.

Trevor Hart, *Faith Thinking: The Dynamics of Christian Theology*

# Order of Worship

## September 9, 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.



## ***My Life Is in You, Lord***

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.  
My Life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,  
I will praise You with all of my strength;  
With all of my life, with all of my strength,  
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.  
My Life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You, in You.

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Merciful and compassionate Father, forgive our forgetfulness of Your grace to us. We have often demanded of others a standard that we ourselves fail to meet. We have related to others by how well they meet this standard, rather than as fellow debtors to Your grace. We have forgotten the depth of our need, and failed to remember that we are all in need of the cleansing blood of Jesus. Our Savior, show us again the wonder and power of Your marvelous work on our behalf, that we may have an ever increasing understanding of Your Gospel in our relationship to You and others, through the power of Your Spirit at work in us.



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*



## **Give Thanks**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. *(repeat)*

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',  
Let the poor say, 'I am rich'  
Because of what the Lord has done for us!

Give thanks, give thanks.

## **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 Are the Lord***

You are the Lord over all that has life and breath;  
You reign on, though kingdoms may fail.  
Father, You're faithful, Your truth is everlasting:  
You are the Lord over all.  
And I will glorify Your wonderful name:  
Jesus, the Lord over all.

You are the Lord through my lost and my broken dreams;  
You can mend what life tears apart.  
Healer, Redeemer: Your love is never ending:  
You are the Lord of my heart.  
And I will glorify Your wonderful name:  
Jesus, the Lord of my heart.

You are the Lord through my doubts and uncertainties;  
You bring truth, like sight to the blind.  
Teacher, Creator: Your wisdom is eternal:  
You are the Lord of my mind.  
And I will glorify Your wonderful name:  
Jesus, the Lord of my mind.

You are the Lord through my anger and selfishness;  
In those times when I lose control.  
Savior, You hold me, in mercy and forgiveness:  
You are the Lord of my soul.  
And I will glorify Your wonderful name:  
Jesus, the Lord of my soul.

You are the Lord, through the years let me know You more;  
Grow in grace, and follow Your call.  
Present and future, I trust in You forever:  
You are the Lord over all.  
And I will glorify Your wonderful name:  
Jesus, the Lord over all. Jesus, the Lord over all.

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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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## **Psalm 9**

I will praise (I will praise) You, O Lord (You, O Lord)  
With all my heart, with all my heart.  
I will tell (I will tell) of Your wonders (of Your wonders)  
I'll be glad and exult in Thee. I'll be glad and exult in Thee.

*Chorus:* I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High,  
I will sing praise to Your Name.  
I will sing praise to Your Name, O Most High,  
I will sing praise to Your Name.

*(repeat all/repeat chorus)*

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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**

#### ***Here, O My Lord, I See Thee***

Here, O My Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav'nly table spread for me:  
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief, bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace,  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

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

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# *Deepening Our Commitment*

## **Preaching of the Word**

Tim Posey

Series: The Superiority of Christ  
"What Is Faith?" Hebrews 11:1-9  
Theme: *The Nature of Faith*

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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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## Introduction:

- I. Faith begins with understanding
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. Faith leads to conviction
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- III. Faith completes itself in commitment

## Conclusion:

## 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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## Song of Response

### ***I Will Sing of My Redeemer***

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;  
On the cruel cross He suffered,  
From the curse to set me free. *(refrain)*

I will tell the wondrous story how, my lost estate to save,  
In His boundless love and mercy,  
He the ransom freely gave. *(refrain)*

I will praise my dear Redeemer; His triumphant power I'll tell,  
How the victory He giveth over sin  
And death and hell. *(refrain)*

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heavenly love for me;  
He from death to life hath brought me,  
Son of God, with Him to be. *(refrain)*

*Refrain:* Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!  
With His blood He purchased me;  
On the cross He sealed my pardon,  
Paid the debt and made me free.

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

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## 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

