



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.



Psalm 130 speaks to our hearts, “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning (vv. 5-6). Spurgeon comments: “This is a most divine precept, and requires much grace to carry it out. To hush the spirit, to be silent before the Lord, to wait in holy patience the time for clearing up the difficulties of Providence—this is what every gracious heart should aim at.” Waiting on the Lord is difficult, but it is the sign of a wise and believing heart that trusts in an omnipotent and gracious God. Spurgeon concludes, “Time is nothing to Him, let it be nothing to thee. God is worth waiting for...wait in obedience as a servant, in hope as an heir, in expectation as a believer.”

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, *A Treasury of David*

# *Order of Worship*

## *November 4, 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.



## ***Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken***

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good, who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, O Lord! With heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that Your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!

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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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## ***The Steadfast Love of the Lord***

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end.  
They are new ev'ry morning, new ev'ry morning,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is Thy faithfulness.

*(repeat)*

## **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*

## **Isaiah 40**

Lord, I will put my trust in You and I will not faint.

Lord, I will put my trust In You.

Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.

Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.

You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,

So I put my trust in You.

You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,

So I put my trust in You.

Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.

Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.

You have been my strength, You have been my shield,

You have been my mighty tower.

You have been my strength, You have been my shield,

You have been my mighty tower.

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## ***The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me;  
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth.

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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.  
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## Pastoral Prayer

## Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

### ***Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee***

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise Thee for the bliss Thy love bestows,  
For the pardn'ing grace that saves me, and the peace that from it flows.  
Help, O God, my weak endeavor; this dull soul to rapture raise:  
Thou must light the flame, or never can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretched wand'rer far astray;  
Found thee lost and kindly brought thee from the paths of death away.  
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling, Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,  
And, the light of hope revealing, bade the blood-stained cross appear.

Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling vainly would my lips express:  
Low before Thy footstool kneeling, deign Thy suppliant's pray'r to bless:  
\*Let Thy love, my soul's chief treasure, love's pure flame within me raise;  
And, since words can never measure, let my life show forth Thy praise.

*(\*repeat at asterisk)*

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(children  
4-6 years  
are  
dismissed  
to  
Children's  
Church at  
this time)  
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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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## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

### Song of Response

### ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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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**

