



*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.*



Our ongoing rehearsal of the weight of God’s law, the depth of our sin, and the generosity of His mercy should produce within us a “feeling of communion” with Him, a responsive joy that guards our hearts when either temptation to laxity or temptation to moralism calls. We can whisper to our souls: He’s here with me. He loves me. He knows my weakness and failure and yet He’s in union with me. Who could imagine such love? It causes me to overflow with joy!

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# *Order of Worship*

## *October 21, 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**

## O Church Arise

O Church arise and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our Captain,  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given.

With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold whose battle cry is love,  
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is  
stricken.

Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen!

And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.

As saints of old still line the way retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory.

### Invocation

### A Gospel Moment

#### The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we often have not bowed before Him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have followed in the ways of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive and restore us, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.



*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*



## **White as Snow**

White as snow, white as snow,  
Though my sins were as scarlet;  
Lord, I know, Lord, I know,  
That I'm clean and forgiven.

Through the power of Your blood,  
Through the wonder of Your love,  
Through faith in You I know  
That I can be white as snow.

## **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*

## ***Ancient of Days***

Blessing and honor, glory and power,  
Be unto the Ancient of Days.  
From every nation, all of creation,  
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in heaven and earth,  
Shall declare Your glory;  
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship;  
You will be exalted O God;  
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days.

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth;  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.  
For none can compare to Your matchless worth,  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days,

*(repeat all)*

## ***My Glorious Hope***

Though waves of troubles come and pour in like a flood,  
My soul will not despair.  
Within Your sov'reign arms no valley is too dark  
To keep me from Your care.  
Your presence and Your promises  
Are joy and life to me.

Chorus: Jesus You're my glorious hope,  
Ever faithful to Your own,  
You have filled my nights  
With Your sweet song of grace,  
Jesus You're my glorious hope, my glorious hope. ↗

✠  
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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When condemnations rise, when failures fill my eyes,  
Remind me once again  
That my sufficiency  
Is found upon the tree  
That bought my righteousness.  
The depth of Your unchanging love  
Displayed on Calvary. (*chorus*)

*Bridge:* And Jesus, ev'ry trial only proves  
You're worthy of all the trust  
I've placed in You—my glorious hope.

## Pastoral Prayer

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(children  
4-6 years  
are  
dismissed  
to  
Children's  
Church at  
this time)  
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## Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

### ***Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee***

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

# Deepening Our Commitment

**Preaching of the Word**

Tim Posey

Series: The Superiority of Christ  
"Enoch: Walking with God by Faith" Hebrews 11:5  
Theme: *Commitment to the Way of Intimacy*

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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. Walking with God

II. Peace with God

III. Walking in the presence of God

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

### ***Amazing Love!***

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;  
That I, the guilty one may go free? (*chorus*)

And so they watched Him die despised, rejected;  
But O, the blood He shed flowed for me. (*chorus*)

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;  
Come wash your guilt away, live again.

*Chorus:* Amazing love, O what sacrifice,  
The Son of God, giv’n for me;  
My debt He pays and my death He dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.

*(last time repeat chorus)*

That I might live.

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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

