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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.

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“Gratitude” is a concept richly used in church history to reflect loving thankfulness for all aspects of God’s redemption—past, present, and future. In some contemporary church contexts, however, the term *gratitude* has been abused, suggesting a debt for believers to repay in order to claim Christ’s *past* redeeming work. Evangelists may plead (or imply), “Can’t you do this little act of obedience to pay back Jesus, since he did so much for you?” The creation of a “debtor’s ethic” that calls for a believer’s obedience primarily as a way of paying back God for his mercy fails to recognize the unconditional nature of his grace and the inadequacy of our best works to compensate God for his inestimable gift. Thus, I have sought to make plain that the historic sense of gratitude is used to make this term (as well as terms such as *thanksgiving*, *appreciation*, and *praise*) but one expression of the unfettered, freely offered, and compelling love by which the Spirit motivates believers to honor God because of their joy in all the dimensions of his matchless gift.

- Brian Chapell

## *Order of Worship*

*October 7, 2018*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

SMPC Music Team

## *Celebrating His Presence*

### **Preparation for Worship**

### **Call to Worship**

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

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## ***Immortal, Invisible God***

Immortal, You are not like a man  
That you change Your mind or change Your plan.  
Invisible, our human eyes can't see the depths of Your majesty.

*Chorus:* You're the God of forever and ever, amen!  
The alpha, omega, beginning and end;  
We sing Hallelujah, we worship in awe, immortal, invisible God.

Immortal, You are not bound by death,  
You're the living God, my very breath,  
Invisible, You are not bound by space, but Your glory is filling this place,  
Yes, Your glory is filling this place. (*chorus*)

Immortal, yet You once died for me, to pay my debt to set me free,  
Invisible You will not always be 'cause You're coming to reign as our King,  
And the saints will fall down at Your feet. (*chorus*)

We sing Hallelujah, we worship in awe;  
Immortal, invisible God, immortal, invisible God.

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.  
Remember not the sins of my youth and rebellious ways; according to Your  
love remember me, for You are good, O Lord. For the sake of Your great  
name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. Turn to me and be  
gracious to me. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my  
anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my  
sins.

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*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.*  
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*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*  
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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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## **Assurance of Pardon**

*People:* Thanks be to God!

## **God, Be Merciful to Me**

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;  
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

## **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*

## ***Shout to the Lord***

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

*Chorus:* Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King;  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

*(repeat all/repeat chorus)*

## ***Jesus, I Come***

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant song, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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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

### ***Nothing but the Blood***

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*refrain*)

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*refrain*)

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*refrain*)

*Refrain:* O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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Children 4-6  
years old are  
dismissed to  
Children's  
Church during  
the song

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# *Deepening Our Commitment*

**Preaching of the Word**

Ruling Elder Dan Phillips

“The Year of Jubilee”

Notes:

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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.

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## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

## Song of Response

### ***Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ***

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart. (*refrain*)

Thy pains, not mine, O Christ, upon the shameful tree,  
Have paid the law’s full price and purchased peace for me. (*refrain*)

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:  
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee. (*refrain*)

*Refrain:* To whom, save Thee, who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

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

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## Benediction

