



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.*



On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of the conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw or velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake some day and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return.

We prefer a safer deity, and so we have pared God down to more manageable proportions. Our era has no exclusive claim to the trivialization of God. This has always been *the* temptation and *the* failure for the people of God. Pagan gods have caused less trouble than the tendency to refashion God into a more congenial, serviceable god.

Annie Dillard, *Teaching a Stone to Talk*

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.*



Come, Let us Worship and Bow Down

Come let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker. *(repeat)*

Chorus: He is our God, He is our God;
We are the people of His pasture.
He is our God, He is our God;
We are the sheep of His Hand.

Come let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

Bridge: Worship the Lord in holiness;
Let the whole earth stand in awe.
He will come to judge the earth
In righteousness and truth. *(repeat chorus)*

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Our Father, You call us to believe in Your Son Jesus Christ and follow Him, but we would often rather be silent than stand against the world. Forgive our efforts to follow You only when it is convenient, only in places it is safe to do so, and only with those we know will agree with us. Forgive and renew us by Your Spirit for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray.



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



How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

How blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.

Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,
Who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief,
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from Thee,
When I confessed transgression, then Thou forgavest me.

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

Deep, Deep Love

Your deep, deep love washes over me.
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Your deep, deep love cleanses all my sins.
Your deep, deep love brings a peace within.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Chorus: Lord, my heart is filled with praises,
For Your goodness makes me sing.
Jesus, I'm forever grateful,
For Your love has done a work in me.

It's Your deep, deep love washes over me.
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Oh yes, it draws me to Your deep, deep love.
Oh yes, it draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Holy Is the Lord God Almighty

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. ↗

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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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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.

(repeat)

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

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(children 4-6 years are dismissed to Children's Church at this time)
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By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven

By grace I am an heir of heaven: why doubt this, O my trembling heart?
If what the Scriptures promise clearly is true and firm in ev'ry part,
This also must be truth divine: by grace a crown of life is mine.

By grace! These precious words remember when sorely by thy sins oppressed,
When Satan comes to vex thy spirit, when troubled conscience sighs for rest;
What reason cannot comprehend, God doth to thee by grace extend.

By grace! Be this in death my comfort; despite my fears, 'tis well with me.
I know my sin in all its greatness, but also Him who sets me free.
My heart to naught but joy gives place since I am saved by grace, by grace.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: The Superiority of Christ

"A Consuming Fire" Hebrews 12:25-29; Exodus 3:1-14

Theme: *Who God Is and How to Respond to Him*

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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. God is real (v. 29)

- II. God can be known (Exodus 3)

- III. God alone is worthy of our worship (vv. 28-29)

Conclusion:

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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

Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of all my joy,
Still in Thee may I be found, still for Thee my pow’rs employ,
Still for Thee my pow’rs employ.

Fountain of o’erflowing grace, freely from Thy fullness give;
Till I close my earthly race, may I prove it “Christ to live,”
May I prove it “Christ to live.”

Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky;
Having known it “Christ to live,” let me know it “gain to die,”
Let me know it “gain to die.”

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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

