



*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.*



Israel has made Yahweh a cuckold. And yet, even as He disowns her, He yearns for her repentance and restoration. He is prepared to carry out terrible threats, but He gives her an opportunity to evade that unwanted outcome. He pleads with her. His appeal is indirect, however, addressed not to Israel but to her children. The nation is the mother, and the individuals are the children. Yahweh explains that He speaks not directly to Israel but rather to the 'children' about their 'mother', for she is no longer His wife and He is no longer her husband. They are not on good enough terms for a direct approach to be taken. She has left Him. There is little likelihood that she will listen to her ex-husband.

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# *Order of Worship*

*May 26, 2019*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Prelude**

SMPC Music Team

# *Celebrating His Presence*

## **Preparation for Worship**

## **Call to Worship**



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



## ***There is a Redeemer***

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. (*chorus*)

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. (*chorus*)

When I stand in glory I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that Holy place. (*chorus*)

*Chorus:* Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

*(last time repeat chorus)*

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Holy Father, when You are angry towards me for my wrongs I try to pacify You by abstaining from future sin. Please teach me that I can never satisfy Your law, and that my efforts to do so are resting in my own righteousness. But only Christ's righteousness, already finished, is fit for that purpose; Your chastising me for my sin is not so that I should try to reform, but that I might be humble before You, knowing my need for Your grace and power, knowing that I am made righteous only by faith in Christ, and transformed by the power of Your Spirit. Bring me to realize that my sufficiency and ability in Him is solid ground I can stand on, that I can never be strong by resting on faith in myself or my good works, but only by trusting in You by faith as my only support. I am humbled by the knowledge that I am not as holy as I should be, but I rejoice in You, because You are everything to me, and to possess You is to have everything I need. Lord, when I rely on anyone or anything other than You, it comes between us and I walk in prideful sin. Please forgive me for this, to the glory and praise of Jesus Christ my Savior.



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.





*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*



## **Assurance of Pardon**

*People:* Thanks be to God!

### ***Merciful God***

Merciful God, O abounding in love,  
Faithful to all who draw near You,  
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart,  
Showing the cross they may cling to.  
Help—I come, broken in sin,  
Found at the feet of Your mercy.  
Father, forgive, may my sin be remembered no more.

Merciful God, O abounding in love,  
Faithful through times we have failed You,  
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed,  
Foolish in word and ungrateful.  
Spirit of God, conquer our hearts  
With love that flows from forgiveness;  
Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

## **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

## Psalm 5

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation,  
Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God;  
For unto Thee will I pray, my voice shalt Thou hear in the morning.  
O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

*(repeat)*

O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

## You Chose Me in Him

You chose me in Him before the world's foundation,  
You wrote my name in the Lamb's Book of Life;  
You set me apart for adoption in Jesus—  
For Your good pleasure, You gave me to Christ.

You unveiled my eyes, revealing God's kingdom,  
You illumined my mind; I could taste God's Word.  
You raised me from death out of sin and trespass,  
You cried to my heart. "Abba, Father," I heard. *(chorus)*

*Chorus:* God the Father, God the Spirit, God the Son we worship You.

You came down from heaven to raise up Your own,  
You laid down Your life for the sheep of Your fold.  
You rose from the grave, interceding for sinners,  
I live through Your death; You redeemed me to God. *(chorus)*

*Worship leader:* You alone have life and glory, You alone give grace and truth.  
*All:* You alone are redemption's story; We worship You.

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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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## Pastoral Prayer



*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.*



## Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

### ***O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?***

O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord Most Holy, Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought You down to me;  
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling, that led You to embrace,  
In love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not your souls distress;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by His grace.  
He comes, for men procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n,  
For all God's sons securing their heritage in heav'n.



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



# *Deepening Our Commitment*

**Preaching of the Word**

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: God's Unfaithful Wife  
"The lovers and The Lover" Hosea 2:2-23  
Theme: *Divorce Proceedings with a Surprise Ending*

Introduction:

I. Covenant Prosecution (2-5)

II. Covenant Infidelity (6-15)

III. Covenant Renewal (16-23)

Conclusion:



*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.*



## Receiving of Tithes and Offerings



**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.



### Song of Response

#### ***Like a River Glorious***

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
Over all victorious in its bright increase;  
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,  
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way. *(refrain)*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,  
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there. *(refrain)*

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,  
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.  
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;  
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *(refrain)*

*Refrain:* Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

### Celebrating the Lord's Supper

*(Please note that the outer ring is juice and the inner rings are wine; the bread is gluten free)*



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



### Benevolence Offering

### Benediction

