



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.



In light of the Scriptures, what is remarkable is not the intensity of God's wrath against sin but the magnitude of His patience and compassion in sparing and redeeming those who are His enemies. If this picture seems excessively dark, it should be remembered that God's grace is constantly and secretly at work in the world to lighten what would be pure darkness if left to itself. It should also be remembered that this estimate of human nature is clearly derived from Scripture, no matter how distant it seems from our common way of thinking about ourselves. When the apostle Paul was being realistic about his own life, he admitted, "I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh" (Romans 7:18). By flesh Paul means human nature apart from the renewing work of the Holy Spirit.

Richard F. Lovelace, *Dynamics of Spiritual Life*

Order of Worship

July 14, 2019

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

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
*Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

(repeat at asterisk)

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and when I have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole.



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



Closer

Search me O God and know my thoughts,
Nothing is hidden from You.

Lead me along Your path of life that I may walk in truth. (*chorus*)

Create in me a clean heart, renew a right spirit in me.
Make of me, Lord, a servant who walks in humility. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Bring me closer, closer, closer to You, my Lord.
Bring me closer, closer to Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.

(last time repeat chorus)

To Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.
To Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.

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

Only Jesus

Father of grace, You've sacrificed
Your only Son for us, the crucified Jesus.
Enlarge our hearts, to love Your Son,
O grant to us the grace to walk with Him always.
To make Him our great delight, bringing worship with our lives.

Chorus: Only Jesus! Only Jesus! Give us Jesus, we cry.
Only Jesus! Only Jesus! The Pearl of greatest price.

Spirit of grace, You've shed Your light,
Upon our darkened eyes, unveiling Jesus Christ.
Come change our hearts, conform our ways,
To honor Jesus' Name, His glory our refrain.
Let His love compel our own, as we worship at His throne. (*chorus*)

Bridge: Jesus, our great Savior, Lord of heaven, Son of God.
Jesus, our great Savior, Lord of heaven, Son of God. (*chorus*)

(*last time repeat chorus*)

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men, Oh You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way, Oh we've hopelessly lost the way. (*chorus*)

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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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Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for, Oh our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne, Oh we're falling before Your throne. (*chorus*)

(last time repeat chorus)

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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.

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)



O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine.
And still that light she lifteth o'er all the world to shine.
It is the golden casket where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

O make Thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations Thy true light, as of old.
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see Thee face to face.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: God's Unfaithful Wife
"Impending Doom" Hosea 8:1-14
Theme: *The Futility of Self-Reliance*

Introduction:

- I. Alarmist or realist (vv. 1-3)

- II. Puppet kings and puppet gods (vv. 4-6)

- III. Desperate diplomacy (vv. 7-10)

- IV. Illicit worship (vv. 11-14)

- V. Misplaced trust (v. 14)

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 Song of Response



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.



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.

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 x2)

My glorious hope, my glorious hope.



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



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

