



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.



It is imperative that we realize our complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit. We must not forget, of course, that our activity is enlisted to the fullest extent in the process of sanctification. But we must not rely upon our own strength of resolution or purpose. It is when we are weak that we are strong. It is by grace that we are being saved as surely as by grace we have been saved. If we are not keenly sensitive to our own helplessness, then we can make the means of sanctification the minister of self-righteousness and pride and thus defeat the end of sanctification. We must rely not upon the means of sanctification but upon the God of all grace. Self-confident moralism promotes pride, and sanctification promotes humility and contrition.

John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*

Order of Worship

September 15, 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

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of Your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



*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



Grace Like Rain

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see so clearly.

Chorus: Hallelujah! Grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah! And all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

(chorus twice)

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

How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Now unto the King who reigns over all,
And never changes or turns;
Unfailing justice, unfading grace,
Whose promises remain, yes, Your promises remain.

Chorus: The heavens ring, the saints all sing,
"Great is Your faithfulness".
From age to age we will proclaim,
"Great is Your faithfulness, how great is Your faithfulness".

Everything changes, but You stay the same;
Your Word and Kingdom endure.
We lean on the promise of all that You are,
And trust forevermore; we will trust forevermore. (*chorus*)

Bridge: From generation to generation,
You never fail us, O God.
Yesterday and today and tomorrow,
Until the day You return.

(repeat chorus twice)

I Love You Lord

I love You Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy my King in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

(repeat)

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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.



Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word



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



Great Are You, Lord

Holy Lord, most holy Lord,
You alone are worthy of my praise;
O holy Lord, most holy Lord,
With all of my heart I sing.

Great are You, Lord, worthy of praise,
Holy and true, great are You, Lord,
Most holy Lord.

(repeat all)



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.



Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Now Unto the King Eternal

(1st Time: Worship Team)

Now unto the King eternal,
Unto the King immortal,
Unto the King invisible,
The only wise God, the only wise God.
(Repeat: Congregation)

Oh, unto the King be glory and honor,
Unto the King forever,
Unto the King be glory and honor forever,
and ever. Amen, Amen, Amen.



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

