



*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.*



You extol me so much...Your high opinion of me shames and tortures me, since—unfortunately—I sit here like a fool and hardened in leisure, pray little, and do not sigh for the church of God ...In short, I should be ardent in spirit, but I am ardent in the flesh, in lust, laziness, leisure and sleepiness...Already eight days have passed in which I have written nothing, in which I have not prayed or studied; this is partly because of temptations of the flesh, partly because I am tortured with other burdens.

Martin Luther, to his friend Philipp Melanchthon

# *Order of Worship*

## *February 23, 2020*

### **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.*



## **All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam, *(refrain)*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice, *(refrain)*

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care, *(refrain)*

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, *(refrain)*

*Refrain:* O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Almighty Father, we enter Your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from You and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry and sorrow we have caused by our actions that make it difficult for others to forgive us, and the things we have done that made it easy for others to do wrong. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Christ.



*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 Flows Down***

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.  
Amazing love, now flowing down  
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree;  
As grace flows down and covers me.

*Chorus:* It covers me, it covers me,  
It covers me, and covers me.

*(repeat all/repeat chorus)*

## **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

## Isaiah 40

Lord, I will put my trust in You and I will not faint.

Lord, I will put my trust In You.

Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.

Lord, I will put my trust in You and You'll renew my strength.

You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,

So I put my trust in You.

You will not grow tired, You will not grow weary,

So I put my trust in You.

Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.

Lord, I bow my face to You for You are my God.

You have been my strength, You have been my shield,

You have been my mighty tower.

You have been my strength, You have been my shield,

You have been my mighty tower.

You have been my mighty tower.

## 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.



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.



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*)

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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)



### ***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation***

Christ is made the sure Foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts today:  
With Thy wonted lovingkindness hear Thy people as they pray;  
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

# *Deepening Our Commitment*

**Preaching of the Word**

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Biblical Foundations for Change  
“The Means of Grace – Part 2”

1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:2; Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Timothy 2:1

Theme: *Word, Sacrament, Prayer*



*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.*



Introduction:

I. The word

II. The sacraments

III. Prayer

Conclusion:

## 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 followed by Collection of Ballots**

### **Benediction**

