



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.*



Luke's first two verses are, therefore, extremely significant. It is no exaggeration to say that they set Christianity apart from all other religions. These regard their founder as having completed his ministry during his lifetime; Luke says Jesus only began His...and after His resurrection, ascension, and gift of the Spirit He continued His work, first and foremost, through the ministry of His chosen apostles and subsequently through the post-apostolic church of every period and place. This then is the kind of Jesus Christ we believe in: He is both the historical Jesus who lived and the contemporary Jesus who lives.

John Stott, *The Message of Acts*

Order of Worship

March 22, 2020

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

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. (*chorus*)

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above. (*chorus*)

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command, and and fall beneath His feet. (*chorus*)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Almighty God, who are rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow man. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life through the merit of 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



White as Snow

White as snow, white as snow,
Though my sins were as scarlet;
Lord, I know, Lord, I know,
That I'm clean and forgiven.

Through the power of Your blood,
Through the wonder of Your love,
Through faith in You I know
That I can be white as snow.

(repeat all)

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

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)*

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)

I Have a Shelter

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me;
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in You, my place of peace and solace,
No trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me;
Though justice charges me with guilt, Your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You who bore my condemnation;
I find my refuge in Your wounds for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me,
For in my weakness I have learned Your strength will not forsake me.
*O Jesus, I will hide in You, the One who bears my burdens,
With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.

*(*repeat at asterisk)*



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.



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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. *(refrain)*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *(refrain)*

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *(refrain)*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *(refrain)*

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.



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



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

Mighty Is the Power of the Cross

What can take a dying man and raise him up to life again?
What can heal a wounded soul; what can make us white as snow?
What can fill the emptiness; what can mend our brokenness, brokenness?

Chorus: Mighty, awesome, wonderful is the holy cross,
Where the Lamb laid down His life to lift us from the Fall;
Mighty is the power of the cross.

What restores our faith in God; what reveals the Father's love?
What can lead the wayward home; what can melt a heart of stone?
What can free the guilty ones; what can save and overcome, overcome?

(chorus)



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

