



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.



*Before the Throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands no power can force me to depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue and bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end to all my sin,  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
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# Order of Worship

April 19, 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.



## ***Poor Sinner, Dejected With Fear***

Poor sinner, dejected with fear, unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;  
No wrath on His brow He does wear, nor will He poor mourners condemn;  
His arm of omnipotent grace is able and willing to save;  
A sweet and a permanent peace He'll freely and faithfully give.

Come just as thou art, with thy woe, fall down at the feet of the Lamb;  
He will not, He cannot say, "Go", but surely will take out thy stain.  
A fountain is open for sin, and thousands its virtues have proved;  
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein, and wash thee from filth in His blood.

The soul that on Jesus relies, He'll never, no never deceive;  
He freely and faithfully gives more blessings than we can conceive;  
Yea, down to old age He will keep, nor will He forsake us at last;  
He knows and is known by His sheep; they're His, and He will hold them fast.

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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*



## ***Hide Me in Your Holiness***

Hide me Lord, in Your holiness,  
Every sin I now confess.  
Praise to You, forgiving Lord,  
Hide me in Your holiness,  
Hide me in Your holiness.

*(repeat)*

## **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

## **And Can It Be**

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me? (*refrain*)

He left His Father's throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),  
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me. (*refrain*)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. (*refrain*)

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. (*refrain*)

*Refrain:* Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
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## **A Shield About Me**

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,  
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.  
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You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

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Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,  
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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**

### ***By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven***

By grace I am an heir of heaven: why doubt this, O my trembling heart?  
If what the Scriptures promise clearly is true and firm in ev'ry part,  
This also must be truth divine: by grace a crown of life is mine.

By grace alone shall I inherit that blissful home beyond the skies.  
Works count for naught, the Lord incarnate hath won for me the heav'nly prize.  
Salvation by His death He wrought, His grace alone my pardon bought.

By grace! These precious words remember when sorely by thy sins oppressed,  
When Satan comes to vex thy spirit, when troubled conscience sighs for rest;  
What reason cannot comprehend, God doth to thee by grace extend.

By grace! Be this in death my comfort; despite my fears, 'tis well with me.  
I know my sin in all its greatness, but also Him who sets me free.  
My heart to naught but joy gives place since I am saved by grace, by grace.



*(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

#### ***Before the Throne of God Above***

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For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
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Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
The Great unchangeable "I AM", the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood,  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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



### Benediction

