



*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.*



## Apostolic Authority

The teaching authority of the apostles was unique. Their teaching now is only available in Scripture. No one else can possibly contradict it, or even add to it, for no one else has ever had these three unique gifts. Anyone who says, “well, the Bible teaches this, but now we know better” is assuming an apostolic ministry that they have no right to. In fact, if someone even begins to insist they have revelations from God that are to be unquestioned—even if they don’t contradict Scripture—they are assuming an apostolic ministry that they have no right to. But they don’t have the three unique gifts that go with that authority. They did not have 40 days of direct instruction by the risen Lord. So today, the Bible must stand in judgment over any insights and knowledge of spiritual things that we have. Their writings are the foundation of the church (Ephesians 2:20). The apostolic teaching ministry still continues, but through the Scriptures, not through authoritative individuals.

# *Order of Worship*

## *April 26, 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.*



## ***Here I Am to Worship***

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

*Chorus:* Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

*(repeat chorus twice)*

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

*(repeat chorus twice)*

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. —Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV



*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.*





*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*



## **Assurance of Pardon**

*People:* Thanks be to God!

## **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

## Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us,  
How high the mountain I could not climb;  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Chorus:* Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free,  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in Your name,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,  
\*Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*(Chorus x 2 then repeat at asterisk)*

## **You Are My All in All**

*(to be sung in a round / Men & Women)*

You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the Treasure that I seek, You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my All in All.  
*(women restart at the beginning )*  
*(men continue with chorus)*



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.



*Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.*

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again I bless Your name. You are my All in All.  
When I fall down, You pick me up;  
When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All in All.

*(repeat chorus two times)*

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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)*



### ***Rock of Ages***

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy laws demands,  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

# *Deepening Our Commitment*

**Preaching of the Word**

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Acts of the Apostles  
“The Leadership Credibility of the Apostles”  
Theme: *The Prologue*

Acts 1:12-26

Introduction:

- I. Waiting in Jerusalem
- II. Dealing with the Judas fallout
- III. Reconstructing the twelve

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



**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

#### **Overwhelmed**

I see the work of Your hands;  
Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance, oh God.  
All that You are is so overwhelming.  
I hear the sound of Your voice;  
All at once it's a gentle and thundering noise, oh God.  
All that You are is so overwhelming.

I delight myself in You,  
Captivated by Your beauty;  
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.  
God, I run into Your arms,  
Unashamed because of mercy,  
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.

I know the power of Your cross;  
Forgiven and free, forever You'll be my God,  
And all that You've done is so overwhelming.

I delight myself in You  
In the glory of Your presence;  
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You  
God, I run into Your arms  
Unashamed because of mercy,  
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You  
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by You.

### Benevolence Offering

### Benediction



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



