



*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.*



Only a fraction of the present body of professing Christians are solidly appropriating the justifying work of Christ in their lives. Many have so light an apprehension of God's holiness and of the extent of their guilt of their sin that consciously they see little need for justification, though below the surface of their lives they are deeply guilt-ridden and insecure. Many others have a theoretical commitment to this doctrine (justification through imputed righteousness) but in their day-to-day existence they rely on their sanctification for their justification drawing their assurance of acceptance with God from their sincerity, their experience of conversion, their recent religious performance or the relative infrequency of their conscious, willful disobedience.

Richard F. Lovelace, *Dynamics of Spiritual Life*

# *Order of Worship*

*May 17, 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.*



## ***Above All Else***

Above all else, we will exalt You;  
Above all else, we bow before Your throne.  
As Your servants, humbly now, we present ourselves.  
Lord, we give You rule above, above all else.

*(repeat)*

### **Invocation**

### **A Gospel Moment**

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

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness, according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me... Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit... The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise (Ps 51:1-5, 7, 9-12, 17).



*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*



### ***He Is Faithful***

If we confess our sins, He is faithful;  
If we confess our sins, He is just.  
If we confess our sins, He is faithful;  
He is faithful, He is faithful to forgive.

So call upon the Lord, He is faithful;  
So call upon the Lord, He is just.  
\*So call upon the Lord, He is faithful;  
He is faithful, He is faithful to forgive.

*(\*repeat at asterisk)*

## **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*

## ***You, O Lord, Are a Great God***

I come to You, O Lord, with a thankful heart.  
I sing my song of love and praise for who You are. (*chorus*)

I bring to You, O Lord, a sacrifice of praise.  
And of Your wondrous works, I'll sing for all my days. (*chorus*)

*Chorus:* For You, O Lord, are a great God, glorious and strong.  
You, O Lord, are a great God, I worship You alone.

*(last time: repeat chorus)*

## ***Antiphonal Praise***

We worship You, Almighty God,  
In You alone is our delight.  
We worship You, Oh holy God,  
And lift our voice to sing Your praise.

Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*(repeat all)*

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## 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

### ***The Church's One Foundation***

The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell,  
That they will dwell, that we will dwell with Thee.

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



# *Deepening Our Commitment*

**Preaching of the Word**

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Acts of the Apostles  
"A Portrait of the First New Covenant Church" Acts 2:40-47  
Theme: *The Inner Life and Outer Witness of the Jerusalem Church*

Introduction:

- I. Theology and teaching
  
  
- II. Worship and prayer
  
  
- III. Fellowship and community
  
  
- IV. Missions and evangelism
  
  
- V. Mercy ministries

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

#### ***How Deep the Father's Love for Us***

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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



### Benediction

