



*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.*



Trials, wrote J.I. Packer, are designed to overwhelm us with a sense of our own inadequacy and to drive us to cling to Him more closely...God fills our lives with troubles and perplexities...to ensure that we shall learn to hold Him fast. The reason the Bible spends so much of its time reiterating that God is a strong rock, a firm defense, a sure refuge and help for the weak is that God spends so much of His time bringing home to us that we are weak, both mentally and morally, and dare not trust ourselves to find or follow the right road...God wants us to feel that our way through life is rough and perplexing, so that we may learn thankfully to lean on Him. Therefore, we take steps to drive us out of self-confidence to trust in Him, to wait upon the Lord. In light of that we do not despair; we are not without hope, because God is the one on whom we have set our hope.

Order of Worship

November 1, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

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

Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment



*The **gospel moment** is a time we use to re-mind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

By His obedience we are justified, and by His death 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 forgive-ness 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



The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and mourn our manifold sins and wickedness, which we have most grievously committed, by thought, word and deed, against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy on us most merciful Father; for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

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

As The Deer

As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.
*You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

*(*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.



Goodness and Mercy

Chorus: I know goodness and mercy will follow me for all my life.
I know goodness and mercy will follow me because of Jesus Christ.

Verse: Though I don't deserve Your love, You give it anyway.
Though I haven't earned Your love, I know it's here to stay.
Your love never goes away.

(chorus x2)

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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.

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Pastoral Prayer

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Acts of the Apostles
“Grounding New Converts” Acts 14:21-28
Theme: *Mission Accomplished*

Introduction:

I. Faithfulness

II. Trials and suffering

III. Appointed elders

IV. Mission report

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.*



Song of Response



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. You will find baskets for your tithes at the rear of the sanctuary.



Great is the Lord, His Mercy Endures

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is His mercy to me.
And as far as the east is from the west,
So far are my sins from me.

Great is the Lord,
His mercy endures forever, forever.
Great is the Lord,
His mercy endures forever, forever.

(repeat all)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

(Please note: the white tops are wine and bread, the purple tops are juice and bread; there is also gluten free bread available)



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



Benediction

