



*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.*



The church had lost track of an important element in the saving work of Christ and was teaching that believers are justified not by faith but by being sanctified. As a result it became very easy for the church to revert to an Old Covenant lifestyle. Uneasiness about justification by grace alone produced a flowering of asceticism reflecting on unconscious need for lists of clean and unclean activities and a rebirth of Pharisaism. Hard-line fundamentalists like Tertullian ruled out many intellectual activities: the theater (because of its origin in pagan worship), dancing (because it might inflame ill-controlled sexual passions), and cosmetics (if God meant you to smell like a flower, He would have given you a crop of them on your head).

Order of Worship

November 15, 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

Purify My Heart

Purify my heart, touch me with Your cleansing fire.
Take me to the cross, Your holiness is my desire.
Breathe Your life in me,
Kindle a love that flows from Your throne.
Oh, purify my heart; purify my heart.

(repeat all)

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

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of heaven and earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. In Your mercy, deepen the sorrow for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone, that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But Father, please do not leave us in sorrow. With You there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation, that we may love You with a holy love.

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

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)



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.



Sovereign Over Us

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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.



There is strength within the sorrow, there is beauty in our tears,
And You meet us in our mourning with a love that casts out fear.
You are working in our waiting, sanctifying us,
When beyond our understanding You're teaching us to trust. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper, You've not forgotten us,
You're with us in the fire and the flood;
Faithful forever, perfect in love, You are sovereign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined, who could understand Your ways;
Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace.
You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind;
You surround and You uphold me, and Your promises are my delight.
(*chorus*)

Bridge: Even what the enemy means for evil, You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good and for Your glory.
Even in the valley You are faithful, You're working for our good,
You're working for our good and for Your glory.

(*chorus*)

Faithful forever, perfect in love, You are sovereign over us.

Pastoral Prayer

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.



Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

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

