



*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.*



God also endows unbelievers with gifts, talents and aptitudes; He stimulates them with interest and purpose to the practice of virtues, the pursuance of worthy tasks, and the cultivation of arts and sciences that occupy the time activity and energy of men and that make for the benefit and civilization of the human race. He ordains institutions for the protection and promotion of right, the preservation of liberty, the advance of knowledge and the improvement of physical and moral conditions. We may regard these interests, pursuits and institutions as exercising both an expulsive and impulsive influence. Occupying the energy, activity and time of men they prevent the indulgence of less noble and ignoble pursuits and they exercise an ameliorating, moralizing, stabilizing and civilizing influence upon the social organism.

John Murray

# *Order of Worship*

*March 28, 2021*

**Welcome and Announcements**

## *Celebrating His Presence*

**Preparation for Worship**

**Prelude**

SMPC Music Team

**Call to Worship**



*We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.*



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

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,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

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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### **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 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*



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

Almighty God, we confess that we often complain about the claims You make on our lives. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being Your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. 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*

## ***Deep, Deep Love***

Your deep, deep love washes over me.  
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.  
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.  
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Your deep, deep love cleanses all my sins.  
Your deep, deep love brings a peace within.  
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.  
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

*Chorus:* Lord, my heart is filled with praises,  
For Your goodness makes me sing.  
Jesus, I'm forever grateful,  
For Your love has done a work in me.

It's Your deep, deep love washes over me.  
Your deep, deep love fills my ev'ry need.  
How I long to hear Your voice call out my name.  
It draws me to Your deep, deep love.

Oh yes, it draws me to Your deep, deep love.  
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*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.*





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.



## ***Open the Eyes of My Heart***

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

**Chorus:** To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

*(repeat all/repeat chorus)*

**Bridge:** Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

*(repeat bridge)*

**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.



### ***Mighty Is the Power of the Cross***

What can take a dying man and raise him up to life again?  
What can heal a wounded soul; what can make us white as snow?  
What can fill the emptiness; what can mend our brokenness, brokenness?

*Chorus:* Mighty, awesome, wonderful is the holy cross,  
Where the Lamb laid down His life to lift us from the Fall;  
Mighty is the power of the cross.

What restores our faith in God; what reveals the Father's love?  
What can lead the wayward home; what can melt a heart of stone?  
What can free the guilty ones; what can save and overcome, overcome?

*(chorus)*

## **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**

