



*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.*



Oh then, let us hear these arguments of Christ, whenever we feel ourselves grow full and careless: 'Did I die for them, and wilt not thou look after them? Were they worthy My blood and are they not worth thy labor? Did I come down from heaven to earth to seek and save that which was lost, and wilt thou not go to the next door or street or village to seek them? How small is thy labor and condescension to Mine? I debased Myself to this, but it is thy honor to be so employed. Have I done and suffered so much for their salvation, and was I willing to make thee a coworker with Me, and wilt thou refuse that little that lieth upon thy hands.

Richard Baxter, *The Reformed Pastor*

# *Order of Worship*

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**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**

## ***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 **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**

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before You, for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways, for we have rebelled against Your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected Your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To You belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, all holy, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline Your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before You. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. 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*

## ***Grace Flows Down***

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.  
Amazing love, now flowing down  
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree;  
As grace flows down and covers me.

*Chorus:* It covers me, it covers me,  
It covers me, and covers me.

*(repeat all/repeat 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.



## ***There Is Joy in the Lord***

There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit,  
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.  
There's a fountain that flows like a river from heaven  
Abounding in love to my soul. (*refrain*)

There is joy in the Lord, there is love in His Spirit,  
There is hope in the knowledge of Him.  
There's a fountain I know ev'ry time I am near it  
My heart overflows to the Lord. (*refrain*)

*Refrain:* All blessing and honor are His. All glory and power are His.  
Let all wisdom and strength be the Lord's in this place.  
Let all glory be given to Him.

(*repeat verse 1*)

Abounding in love to my soul; my soul.



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 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.



### ***Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart***

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Then on, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing;  
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

### **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)*



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



### **Benediction**

