



*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.*



**“Disappointment—His Appointment”**

Change one letter, then I see that the thwarting of my purpose  
Is God’s better choice for me.

His appointment must be blessing, tho’ it may come in disguise,  
For the end from the beginning open to His wisdom lies.

**“Disappointment—His Appointment”**

No good thing will He withhold. From denials oft we gather  
Treasures of His love unfold.

Well He knows each broken purpose leads to deeper, fuller trust,  
And the end of all His dealings proves our God is wise and just.

**“Disappointment—His Appointment”**

Lord, I take it then as such, like the clay in hands of potter,  
Yielding wholly to Thy touch,

All my life’s plan in Thy molding, not one single choice be mine:  
Let me answer, unrepining, “Father not my will, but Thine”

Edith Lillian Young

# *Order of Worship*

*May 2, 2021*

## **Welcome and Announcements**



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



# *Celebrating His Presence*

## **Preparation for Worship**

## Prelude

SMPC Music Team



*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.*



## Call to Worship

### ***You Oh Lord Are a Great God***

I come to You oh Lord with a thankful heart,  
I sing my song of love and praise for who You are,  
For You oh Lord are a great God, glorious and strong,  
You oh Lord are a great God, I worship You alone.

I bring to You oh Lord a sacrifice of praise,  
And of Your wondrous works, I'll sing for all my days  
For You oh Lord are a great God, glorious and strong,  
You oh Lord are a great God, I worship You alone.



*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.*



## Invocation

## A Gospel Moment



*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**

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much You love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, You know when we are indifferent to Your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to You when we are in trouble. Lord, You know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey Your call to take up your cross and follow You. 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*

## **Your Great Name**

Lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great Name;  
All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great Name.  
Ev'ry fear has no place at the sound of Your great Name,  
The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great Name.

*Chorus:* Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,  
The Son of God and man.  
You are high and lifted up, and all the world will praise  
Your great Name.

All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name;  
Hungry souls receive grace at the sound of Your great name.  
The fatherless, they find their rest at the sound of Your great name  
Sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name.

*(chorus x2)*



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.



## ***Song of Moses***

Oh the Lord, our strength and song, highest praise to Him belongs.  
Christ the Lord, the Conquering King,  
Your name we raise, Your triumphs sing.

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest night, we worship You.  
You divide the raging sea; from death to life You safely lead.

*Chorus:* Praise the Lord, our Mighty Warrior!  
Praise the Lord, the glorious One!  
By His hand we stand in victory, by His name we overcome.

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out—  
Glory, glory to the King! You reign for all eternity (*chorus*)

*Bridge:* The Lord shall reign forever and ever.  
The Lord shall reign forever and ever.  
The Lord shall reign forever and ever.  
The Lord shall reign forever and ever. (*chorus*)

By His name we overcome.



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**





**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.



If giving to the benevolence fund either use an envelope and check 'benevolence' for cash offerings or designate the amount for benevolence on your check.



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



## Song of Response

### ***Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ***

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart. *(refrain)*

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load  
Of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God. *(refrain)*

Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:  
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee. *(refrain)*

*Refrain:* To whom, save Thee, who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

## 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

