



*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 Gospel of justifying faith means that while Christians are, in themselves still sinful and sinning, yet in Christ, in God's sight, they are accepted and righteous. So we can say that we are more wicked than we ever dared believe, but more loved and accepted in Christ than we ever dared hope—at the very same time. This creates a radical new dynamic for personal growth. It means that the more you see your own flaws and sins, the more precious, more electrifying, and more amazing God's grace appears to you. But on the other hand, the more aware you are of God's grace and acceptance of you in Christ, the more able you are to drop your denials and self-defenses and admit the true dimensions and character of your sin.

Order of Worship

July 4, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship



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



Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Call to Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done Your will; we have broken Your law; we have rebelled against Your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



*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 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.*



Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!



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



Closer

Search me O God and know my thoughts,
Nothing is hidden from You.
Lead me along Your path of life that I may walk in truth. (*chorus*)

Create in me a clean heart, renew a right spirit in me.
Make of me, Lord, a servant who walks in humility. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Bring me closer, closer, closer to You, my Lord.
Bring me closer, closer to Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.

(last time repeat chorus)

To Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.
To Your ways, to Your will, to Your heart.

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

Exodus XV

The Lord is my strength and my song
And He is become my salvation, He is my God.

Chorus: And I shall prepare Him my heart,
And I shall prepare Him my heart,
And I shall prepare Him my heart.

The Lord, He shall reign forever and ever,
The Lord, He shall reign forever and ever. Amen.

(chorus)

(repeat 2nd verse)

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

(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.





*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 Preparation to Hear God's Word

Great Are You, Lord

Holy Lord, most holy Lord,
You alone are worthy of my praise;
O holy Lord, most holy Lord,
With all of my heart I sing.

Great are You, Lord, worthy of praise,
Holy and true, great are You, Lord,
Most holy Lord.

(repeat all)

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings



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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Celebrating the Lord's Supper

(There is white grape juice or red wine available; also gluten-free bread is available in the smaller plate)

Benediction

