



*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.*



Paul had expressed his desire to proceed straight from Jerusalem to Rome (Romans 15:25-29). Instead, he was arrested in Jerusalem, subjected to endless trials, imprisoned in Caesarea, threatened with assassination, then nearly drowned in the Mediterranean, killed by soldiers, and poisoned by a snake! We must remember that the sea, reminiscent of primeval chaos, was a regular Old Testament symbol of evil powers in opposition to God...but by God's providence, Paul reached Rome safe and sound, but he arrived as a prisoner.

John Stott

# *Order of Worship*

## *May 30, 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.*



## ***Thou Lovely Source of True Delight***

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore,  
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight that I might love Thee more,  
O that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines, but in Thy sacred Word  
I read, in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord,  
See my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, when-e'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise.  
Thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,  
O, my fainting heart's supplied.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of Thy love,  
But the full glories of Thy face are only known above,  
They are only known above.

**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**

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to You as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy You offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life You set among us. Let us see that the vanity, sensuality and folly of the present world are fleeting, and lead only to inexpressible sorrow, and so seeing, be enabled by Your Spirit to find the only lasting joy—a life lived in and for Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive Your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*People:* Thanks be to God!

## **The Blessing**

*Minister:* The grace of God be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

**Baptism of Covenant Children**

Elizabeth and Timothy Forster

**Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord**

# *Experiencing Renewal*

## ***Your Kindness***

It's Your kindness that leads us to repentance, O Lord.  
Knowing that You love us, no matter what we do  
Makes us want to love you.

It's Your kindness that leads us to repentance, O Lord.  
Knowing that You love us, no matter what we do  
Makes us want to love you too.



*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.*



## ***My Life Is in You, Lord***

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.  
My Life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,  
I will praise You with all of my strength;  
With all of my life, with all of my strength,  
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.  
My Life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You, in You.

**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.



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.



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



### **Let All Things Now Living**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit, obedient to shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

### **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**

