



*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.*



Who am I? What is your initial reaction to that question? You are the person you spend the most time with and think of most often, but can you define yourself? In actuality, we are defining ourselves all the time through the decisions we make and the actions we take, in the ways we spend our time and the people we choose to spend it with, and by what we consider to be the most meaningful and fulfilling in life. These are the ways in which we implicitly answer the question, Who am I? But now let's make it explicit. Let's bring it out from the recesses of our hearts and minds and shed some light on it. How would you answer? What gets to the core of who you are as an individual? What makes you "you"?

Jonathan Landry Cruse, *The Christian's True Identity*

Order of Worship

July 18, 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.*



Holy Is the Lord God Almighty

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now; how great, how awesome is He!
And together we sing, everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It is rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
And together we sing, everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory.
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Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. —Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV



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.*



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



He Is Faithful

If we confess our sins, He is faithful;
If we confess our sins, He is just.
If we confess our sins, He is faithful;
He is faithful, He is faithful to forgive.

So call upon the Lord, He is faithful;
So call upon the Lord, He is just.
*So call upon the Lord, He is faithful;
He is faithful, He is faithful to forgive.

*(*repeat at asterisk)*

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

Psalm 5

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation,
Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God;
For unto Thee will I pray, my voice shalt Thou hear in the morning.
O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee and will look up.

(repeat)

O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee and will look up.

Forevermore

Long before the earth, before there was light, Lord, You were—
Endless are You, God.

No time can contain all You are;
There's no other God before You, there is no one to replace You.
You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to.
You are the One that I cling to; You are forevermore.

Faithful are You, God; You never change, Lord, You are—
Only You are God.

Forever You reign above it all.
There's no other God before You, there is no one to replace You.
You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to.
You are the One that I cling to; You are forevermore.

There's no other, no one greater, There is none like You.
There's no other, no one greater, there is none like You.

There's no other God before You, there is no one to replace You.
You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to.
You are the One that I cling to; You are forevermore. *(repeat)*



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.



Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Head God's Word



*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.*



Just as I Am

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within and without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou will receive,
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: Gospel Reset
"Christian Identity" Galatian 2:20; Philippians 3:3-9
Theme: *Union with Christ*

Introduction:

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Since Jesus Christ
has committed
Himself to us in the
laying down of His
precious life, we are
reminded of this in
the preaching of the
Word and likewise
called to a daily,
deepening
commitment to
follow after Him.

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I. Identity: Who are we really?

II. The struggle: head and heart

III. The foundation: in Christ

Conclusion:

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.



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



Song of Response

Not What My Hands Have Done

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save Thine, no other blood will do;
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I praise the God of grace; I trust His truth and might;
He calls me His, I call Him mine, My God, my joy, my light.
'Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives.

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

