THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The gospel is the ultimate wisdom of God for our sins, no matter what they may be. It is God's reminder that our failures are never big enough to stall his love or stop his plans. (Dave Harvey)

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: ***Psalm 65:1-4***

Leader: Praise is due you, O God, in Zion,
And to you shall vows be performed.
People: O you who hear prayer,
To you shall all flesh come.
Leader: When iniquities prevail against me,
You atone for our transgressions.
People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
To dwell in your courts!
Leader: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
The holiness of your temple!
All: Let's worship God!

Greeting: ***Ruth 2:4***

Leader: The LORD be with you!
People: The LORD bless you!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: ***Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord***
Trinity Hymnal #465

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Law: ***Matthew 18:21-22***

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Confession of Sin: ***Book of Common Prayer***

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Comfort of the Gospel: ***Matthew 26:28***

[Jesus said] "...this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: ***O Church Arise***

O church arise and put your armor on / Hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong / In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth / We'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold, whose battle cry is love / Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul / But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole / We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side / We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died / An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, / As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet / For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away / And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day / Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride / Give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize / Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way, / Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day / When with Christ we stand in Glory.

Prayer of Intercession: ***The Lord's Prayer***

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
**Children dismissed to Little Church (10:30 service only)*

Song of Meditation: ***How Deep***

You were broken that I might be healed
You were cast off that I might draw near
You were thirsty that I might come drink
Cried out in anguish that I might sing

Chorus
How deep is Your love
How high and how wide is Your mercy
How deep is Your grace
Our hearts overflow with praise / To You

You knew darkness that I might know light
Wept great tears that mine might be dried
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own ***Chorus x 2***

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: ***2 Corinthians 2:5-11***

Sermon: ***Don't Get Outwitted***

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Creed: ***The Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response: ***Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive***

"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart,
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart.

In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly know:
How small the debts men owe to us,
How great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
And bid resentment cease;
Then, reconciled to God and man,
Our lives will spread your peace.

Benediction: ***Numbers 6:24-26***

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.