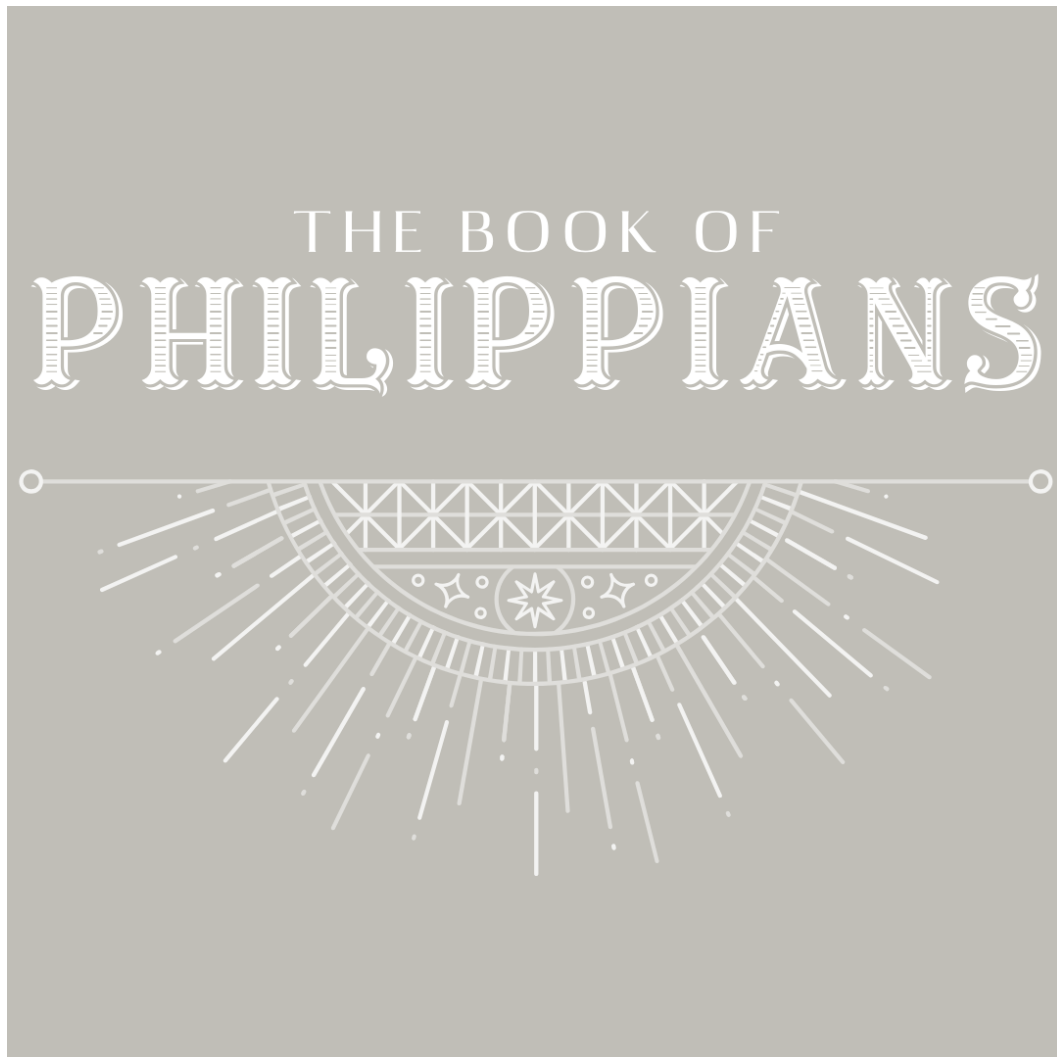




# CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

*Ascension Sunday*

*24 May 2020*

## Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

### GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

#### Introit—Crown Him with Many Crowns, Vs 7

Crown Him the Lord of heaven En - throned in worlds a - bove Crown Him the King to  
Whom is—given The won-drous name of Love Crown Him with man - y crowns As  
thrones be-fore Him fall Crown Him ye kings with man-y crowns For He is King of all

The image shows a three-system musical score for piano. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

#### Call to Worship—based on Psalm 115:1-3, 15, 18

Pastor: Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory,

All: For the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!

Pastor: Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”

All: Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases.

Pastor: May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

All: We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

#### Hymn of Praise—All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring  
Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall, Hail  
Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball, to  
O that, with yon - der sa - cred throng, we at His feet may fall, We'll

The image shows a musical score for piano. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score is a single system.

forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of all. Bring  
 Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. Hail  
 Him all ma - jes - ty as - crite and crown Him Lord of all. To  
 join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Him Lord of all. We'll

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Text: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. St. 4 John Rippon, 1787; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793.

### New Testament Reading—I Corinthians 15:20-28

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

### GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

### Sung Preparation—Lamb of God

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
 Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on  
 us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world,  
 Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Text: John I:29; Music: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

## Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Philippians 2:1-10

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Although there is great encouragement in Christ,  
comfort in love, participation in the Spirit, and affection and sympathy,  
we are not of the same mind,

All: **Neither do we share the same love or act in one accord.**

Pastor: We act in pride—desiring the best for ourselves and wanting others to fail.

All: **We do not act in humility nor consider others more significant than ourselves.**

Pastor: We look to our own interests and ignore the interests of others.

All: **We do not have the mind of Christ Jesus—  
because we act as if we were equal with God.**

Pastor: We resist acting as a servant, humbling ourselves, and obeying—

All: **Especially to the point of self-sacrifice or death.**

Pastor: But Christ did obey and humbled Himself on our behalf, therefore,  
God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus our knees will bow along with all in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth,

All: **And our tongues will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—Romans 8:32-34

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

## Hymn of Praise—O Christ, Our Hope

O Christ, our hope, our heart's de - sire, Re - demp-tion's on - ly spring; Cre - a - tor of the  
But now the bonds of death are burst, The ran - som has been paid; And thou art on thy  
O Christ, be thou our pre - sent joy, Our fu - ture great re - ward; Our on - ly glo - ry

world art thou, Its Sav - iour and its King. How vast the mer - cy and the love Which  
Fa - ther's throne In glor - ious robes ar - rayed. O may thy mighty love pre - vail Our  
may it be To glo - ry in the Lord! All praise to thee, as - cend - ed Lord; All

laid our sins on thee, And led thee to a cru - el death To set thy peo - ple free.  
sin - ful souls to spare, O may we come be - fore thy throne And find ac - ceptance there!  
glo - ry ev - er be To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost Through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin Hymn, 8<sup>th</sup> Century, Tr. By John Chandler, 1837; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song

# GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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## The Reading of the Word—Philippians 4:8-9

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: **But the Word of our God will stand forever.**

## Sermon—Press on Toward the Goal: A Study of Philippians, Part I6

*Whatever is Good & Beautiful*

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

## Sung Response—Join All the Glorious Names, Vs 8

Je - sus, my great High Priest, Off - ered His blood, and died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -

fice be - side: His power - ful blood did once a - tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has lyrics: "Je - sus, my great High Priest, Off - ered His blood, and died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -". The second system has lyrics: "fice be - side: His power - ful blood did once a - tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne." The music is in 4/4 time and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1709; Music: Darwall, John Darwall, 1770.

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven  
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We 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.

\* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

## Sung Response—Holy God We Praise Your Name, Vs 4

Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name You;

While in es - sence onl - y One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You; And a -

dor - ing bend the knee, While we sing this my - ster - y.

Text: Based on *Te Deum*, 4<sup>th</sup> c., Attr Ignace Franz, 1774; Music: GROSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.*

## Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

### Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.*

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

## Hymn of Communion—There Is No Greater Portrait



There is no great-er por - trait Of love and sac - ri - fice Than Je - sus leav - ing  
 He ran the race be - fore Him Though it was filled with pain, And walked the road to  
 The Son of Man was lift - ed Be - fore cre - a - tion's eyes; Was mocked and scorned by  
 O Sav - ior, let this sin - ner Be ran - somed by the flood Of mer - cy and for -



glo - ry And lay - ing down His life. When I look on the suf - fer - ings My Sav - ior chose to  
 glo - ry In a - go - ny and shame. Then for the joy be - fore Him, He chose to bear the  
 sol - diers, By kings and priests de - spised. But now the Son is ris - en, As - cend - ed to the  
 give - ness A - bun - dant in Your blood. O Lord, be my sal - va - tion, Your Ho - ly Spir - it



bear, It fills my heart with sor - row To think I put Him there.  
 cross, Pur - sued His Fa - ther's plea - sure And count - ed all else loss.  
 skies. By an - gels He is wor - shipped; By na - tions glor - i - fied.  
 send To change my heart and cause me To love You to the end.

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### Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment.* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

# Hymn of Praise—Before the Throne of God Above

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect  
 When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair And tells me of the guilt with -  
 Be - hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea. A great high Priest whose Name is Love Who ev - er lives and pleads for  
 in, Up - ward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my  
 ness, The great un - change - a - ble I AM, The King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His  
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 grace, One in Him - self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by His

heart. I know that while in Heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence de -  
 free. For God the just is sat - is - fied To look on Him and par - don  
 blood, My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Sav - ior and my

part. No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 me. To look on Him and par - don me.  
 God! With Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

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# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

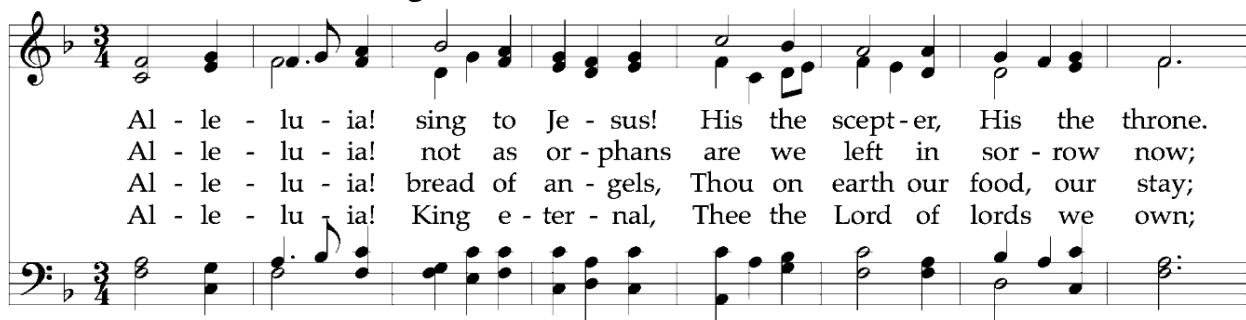
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

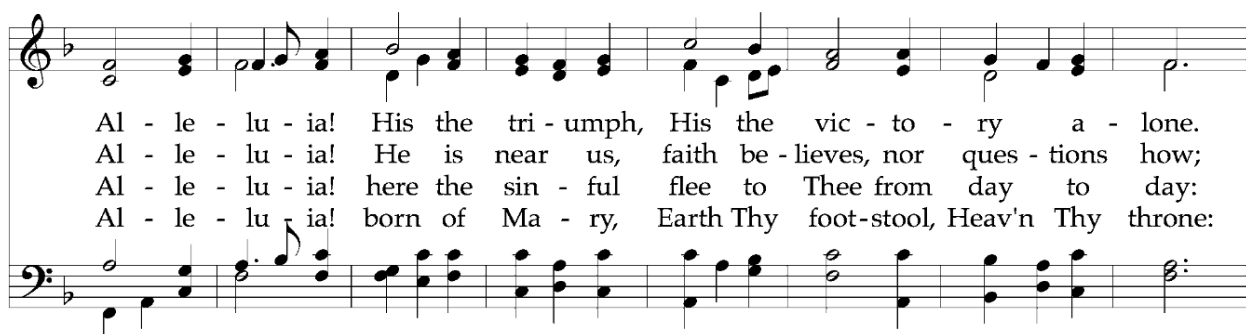
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

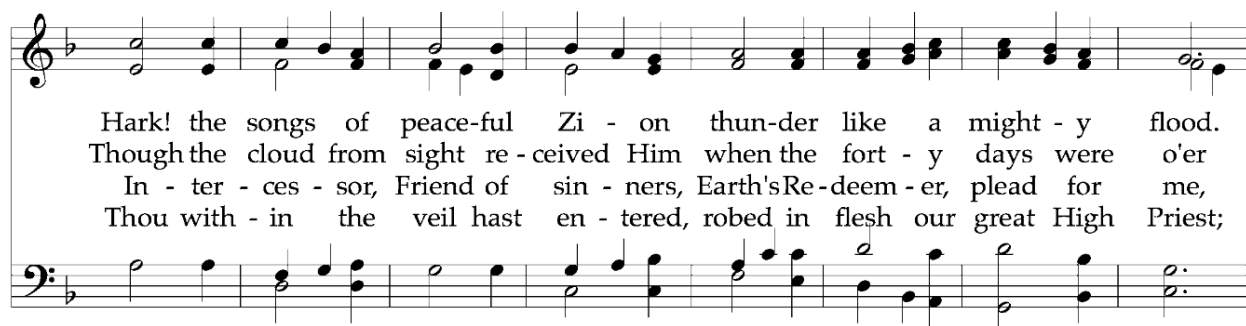
## Hymn of Praise—Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the scept - er, His the throne.  
Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;  
Al - le - lu - ia! bread of an - gels, Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thee the Lord of lords we own;



Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how;  
Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to Thee from day to day:  
Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, Earth Thy foot - stool, Heav'n Thy throne:



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood.  
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the fort - y days were o'er  
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,  
Thou with - in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh our great High Priest;



Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion has re - deem - ed us by His blood.  
Shall our hearts for - get His pro - mise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
Where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
Thou on earth both priest and vic - tim in the Euch - ar - is - tic feast.

Text: William C. Dix, 1867; Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855.

# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

## Benediction—Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing, Vs, 7

O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All praise to Thee let earth ac -  
cord, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Who art, while end - less a - ges  
run, With Fa - ther and with Spir - it One, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -  
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: The Venerable Bede, 673-735; Trans Benjamin Webb, 1854; Music: LASST UNS ERFFEUEN, Peter von Brachel, 1623

## *Pastoral Notes*

When we began making plans for reopening Cornerstone for corporate worship, I knew we'd need help... lots of it. I knew we'd need a strong mix of men and women from across the spectrum of Cornerstone to help us develop and execute a reopening plan that would honor God and provide a safe environment for the conducting of corporate worship.

As the Chairman of the Deacons, Larry Thompson, and I discussed potential leaders for the team, two of our faithful deacons came to mind, Todd Russell and David Steffens. Within a few hours, both of these brothers stepped up and answered the call. They did a fabulous job pulling together a devoted band of conscientious and caring servants who were committed to think, plan, and prayerfully execute the many, many needs associated with reopening.

From registration to seating arrangements, from communion prep to cleaning between services, these brothers and sisters thought through everything and made sure the i's were dotted and t's crossed on safety fronts while striving to maintain the integrity and reverence of corporate worship at Cornerstone. Let me encourage you: as the Lord gives opportunity, please let Todd Russell, David Steffens, Casey Taggart, Sharon Haney, Larry Thompson, Steve Cebada, Sherry Cebada, Debi Haggard, and Matt Faulk know how much you appreciate their sacrificial service.

In addition to our reopening team, another small army of volunteers has been pulling together livestream worship each week—and that's no small task. I'd like to personally thank Charlie Lico for his media insights and onsite support, Ken Carpenter for filming feedback and direction, Jeremy Steffens for technical support and running the livestream, Ethan Vroom and, most recently, Jay Palm for manning the cameras, and Jim Smith and Eric Smith for added lighting and a variety of construction needs. What would we have done without these brothers? Truly, I don't know. I praise God for these men.

Finally, if you've been worshipping with us via livestream during this season, you saw familiar faces each week leading worship. Greg Wilbur, Anneke Seely, Maxwell Shell, and the Steffens Family were on point each week with John McEachin, Noah Cline, and Mark Mitchell joining in along the way. As we gathered on couches and dining room tables to worship via livestream, it was the voices and musicianship of these brothers and sisters that lifted us up to the throne of grace. What a gift.

Finally, please continue to pray for the safety of the Cornerstone flock as we ease back into corporate worship. We are not presuming much from week to week at this point, for only God knows what tomorrow will bring. As you know, COVID-19 remains with us, and the risk is real. Let's be vigilant in caring for one another's safety while trusting God for the protection that only He can give.

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