

CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal

The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time

6 June 2021

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

As a child, summers were magical for me. Even today, summer smells like freshly mown grass and sunscreen. It feels like swimming holes and sand between my toes. It tastes like hotdogs and watermelon. It sounds like a choir of crickets and the whizz of a fishing rod. Summer meant so many things, but mostly, it meant *time*. Time to watch movies and play whiffle ball. Time to listen to music and read whatever I wanted. Summer was like a two-and-a-half-month permission slip to do what I wanted to do and not feel bad for it.

As great as my childhood summers were, there were the inevitable temptations that go along with such special times. Still today, there are certain temptations that show up during a summer vacation that I don't experience—at least not as poignantly—the rest of the year. If I were to boil the temptation down, I'd call it this: to live for self.

True, this temptation is always present, but there are certain times—like summer vacation—that are literally designed *for us*, so to speak. Think about it. Why do we go on vacation? We go for our own rest and enjoyment. In fact, people actually tell you to, "Go enjoy yourself." When we say those things, we usually mean "go have a good time," and that's right in so far as it goes. But it's easy, isn't it, for our sinful hearts to hear "enjoy yourself" and slip into "live for self" mode. Ironically, when we do this, we cut the legs out of true rest and enjoyment. Whatever pleasure we gain from living for self is shallow and fleeting. It always leaves us disappointed.

God has not designed us to enjoy ourselves by living for self. This is where we go wrong. We go on vacation, and we try to rest like the rest of the world. Truth be told, many of us rest from our Christian commitments on vacation. It's crazy but we go on vacation to rest, and we walk away from the *Lord of rest!* Not surprisingly, we end up restless and irritable. We wind up needing vacations from our vacations, because we neglected the true rest our souls need.

With all this in mind, let's commit to move through summer differently this year. By all means, keep catching those lightning bugs and sipping that sweet tea on the back porch. Enjoy the good things God designed summer for. But as you do, enjoy the Lord of the summer most of all. If you do that, you might just have the best summer yet.

"Jesus! I am resting, resting In the joy of what Thou art; I am finding out the greatness Of Thy loving heart."—Jean S. Pigott

Your servant.

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Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

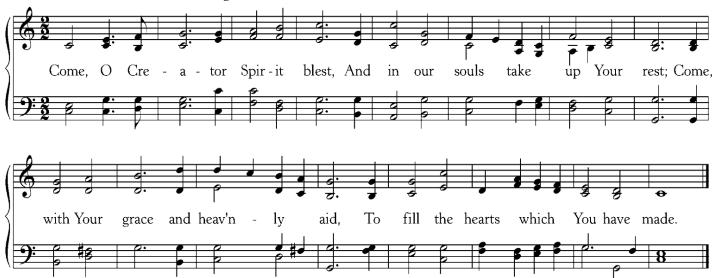
This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

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—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Vs I



Text: Rhabanus Maurus, circa 800, Trans by Edward Caswall, 1849; Music: TRURO, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789.

Call to Worship—Psalm 24:I-6

Pastor: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

All: for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Pastor: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

All: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Pastor: He will receive blessing from the Lord

All: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Pastor: Such is the generation of those who seek him,

All: who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Hymn of Praise—Come, Christians, Join to Sing



Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish Melody, Arr David Evans, 1927.

New Testament Reading—I Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

'But godliness with contentment is great gain, 'for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 'But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 'But those who desire to be rich will fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 'For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer. Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on I Peter 2:I-3, 9-12

Pastor: Lord, we come to you confessing. We have tasted that you are good.

Create in us a longing for the pure spiritual milk
that by it we may grow up into salvation.

All: We are prone to malice and deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander.

Pastor: You have called us chosen, a royal priesthood and a holy nation.

All: We are your own possession—let us proclaim your excellencies for you have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

Pastor: Once we were not a people, but now we are Your people.

All: Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

Pastor: Give us your grace that we may abstain from the passions of the flesh which wage war against our souls.

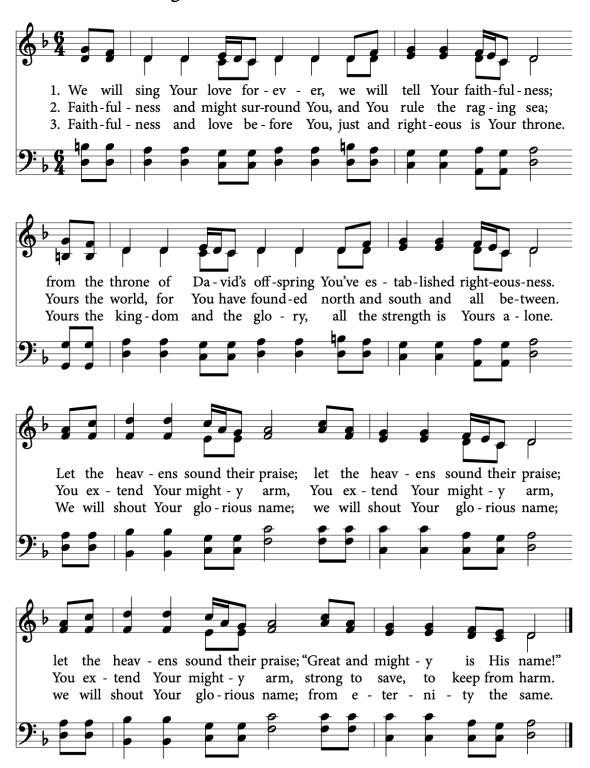
All: May we be honorable in our conduct so that even unbelievers may see our good deeds and glorify you.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—based on Colossians 3:12-13

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Psalm 89:I-18: We Will Sing Your Love Forever



Text and Music: Gregory D Wilbur, 2020.

The Reading of the Word—Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ And as he [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother." ²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

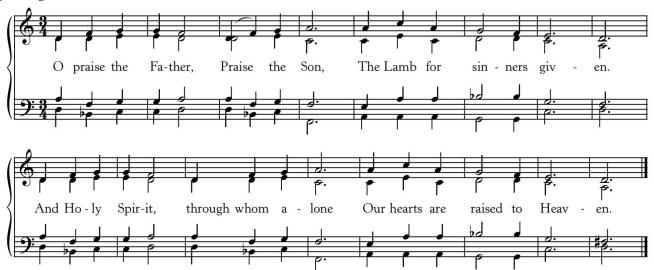
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Follow Me: The Gospel of Mark, pt 34

Giving up Earth for Heaven: the Cost of Following Jesus

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—O Praise the Father



Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

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.

^{* &}quot;Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Sung Response—Sanctus



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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. Proceed to the first table for the bread, and then on the second for wine/juice.

Psalm of the Month for June—Psalm 27: O Lord, You are My Light



Hymn of Communion—Rock of Ages







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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

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.

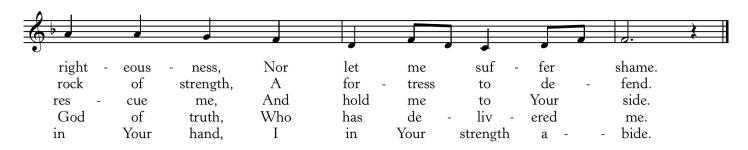
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

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

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 31: In You, O Lord I Put My Trust







Text: Psalm 31, Paraphrase; Music: Kentucky Harmony.

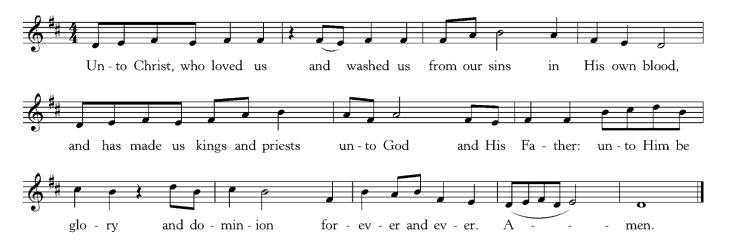
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—from I Peter 2:21, 25

For you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. For you were straying like sheep, but now return to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. *Amen*.

Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



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Mission Prayer Focus—Dan and Julie Meyers minister to U.S. Army personnel based at Ft. Campbell while living in Clarksville, TN. Dan leads three Bible studies during the week, one of those which meet in their home.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for our ministry and as we carry out the work lead by the Spirit of God. We never know from week to week who will come, but we trust the Lord will bring who He desires.

Welcome to Cornerstone! If you're visiting with us today, we are glad you're here and would love the opportunity to welcome you personally. We invite you to fill out the visitor card available in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering boxes at either chapel entrance as you leave.

Focus on Church Ministry

Cornerstone Family Meeting

We will have a mid-year Cornerstone Family Meeting during the Sunday School hour today. All adult members and regular attendees are strongly encouraged to attend.

Women's Summer Study/ Youth Fundraiser

Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation This summer the women of Cornerstone will be led by Nancy Guthrie in a study of the first eleven chapters of the book of Revelation on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., June 15 – July 20. Personal Bible study questions are now available on the Women's Ministry page of the church website. **Bring a few dollars to support the Senior High Youth Group—they will be selling drinks and Revelation journals in the courtyard to raise money for their trip to the RYM Conference.

Reformed Youth Ministries Conference Donations

The Cornerstone Senior High Youth Group is planning to attend the Reformed Youth Ministries Conference in

Panama City this July. Today and next week you have the opportunity to donate towards their trip. Look for the Youth outside next Sunday, 6/13, drop a check into the tithe boxes with "RYM" in the memo line, follow this link,



(https://cornerstonepresbyterianchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/83/responses/new) or scan the QR code to donate now!

Cornerstone Talent Bank

We are creating the Cornerstone Talent Bank which will help the deacons know what areas you may have interest and ability in to serve the body of Christ at Cornerstone. You can fill out the form by scanning the QR code.



Youth Group - Mark your calendars!

6/9 – Wednesday nights kick off @ the Allens' 6/19 – Kayak Trip

Questions? Contact Taylor: youth@cstonepres.org

Summer Sunday School Opportunities

The Children's Ministry is in need of three teacher assistants to serve in Sunday School. There is no prep involved in being an assistant. Assistants are needed in the Ist/2nd grade class, the 3rd/4th grade class, and the 5th grade class, June 6-July II. Don't let a vacation or two prevent you from inquiring about this—you can still serve! Contact Meredith Suits: elementary@cstonepres.org

Summer Chapel Class: Standing on Their Shoulders: Portraits of Faithfulness from Church History

Church history is filled with compelling stories of men and women God used in mighty and surprising ways. Come join us during the Sunday School hour beginning next week as we explore some of these stories and see how these voices from our past continue to encourage us today.

June 13: Amazing Grace Applied: The Letter Writing Ministry of John Newton

June 20: Finding the Right Hills to Die On: Learning Theological Triage from J. Gresham Machen

June 27: A Method to the Madness: Bright Designs behind the Frowning Providences in the Life of William Cowper July 4: For God's Glory Alone: The Cosmological Legacy of J.S. Bach

July II: Lessons from Northumbria: Aiden, Cuthbert, and Oswald on the Love and Mission of God

Young Marrieds

Young and newly marrieds, mark your calendars for June 13, 27, and July I I! Come after second service for a time of lunch and fellowship, hosted by Randy and Suzann Allen. Lunch will be provided. Babes in arms welcome. Let us know you're coming! Contact Randy Allen (randmanrx@protonmail.com) or Hannah Johnson (johnsonhannahruth@gmail.com). 2940 McLemore Cir.

Fundraiser for the Fennemas

Thompson Station Church is hosting an evening of stories and songs on June 14 with all the proceeds from the event going directly to the Mike Fennema family. Featured artists include Andrew Peterson, Matt Maher, Danny Gokey, and Unspoken. Doors open at 6 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Go to itickets.com/events/453990 to secure your tickets!

Today's message, "Giving up Earth for Heaven: The Cost of Following Jesus" is taken from Mark 10:17-31. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family or Home Fellowship Group.

- What, if anything, are we to take away from Mark's juxtaposition of children (see vs 13-16) with the rich young ruler?
- How does this passage demonstrate the importance of understanding and applying the demands of the law before sharing the gospel? What risk is there in sharing the good news of grace without making the demands of the law plain?
- Why is it difficult for those who are rich to enter the Kingdom of God? Take a moment to honestly evaluate your relationship to money and wealth. Is money or wealth getting in the way of your relationship with God?
- Commenting on Jesus's promises to the disciples in vs. 29-31, William Lane writes, "God takes nothing away from a man without restoring it to him in a new and glorious form." How have you seen this to be the case? How does this work eternally?
- How did the wonder of the gospel come home to your heart in worship?

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