

CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal

The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time

13 June 2021

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

At our Cornerstone Family Meeting last Sunday, we reported on and rejoiced over God's kind financial provision for the church this budget year. Though we still have several weeks yet to go (our budget year runs from July I – June 30), this has been the best year fiscally in our ten-year history as a church!

On the behalf of our leaders, let me say, "Thank-you!" for giving to the ministry of Cornerstone. Your generosity is a beautiful expression of the Lord's work in our midst (see 2 Corinthians 8:9). With only a few weeks to go, please help us finish the budget year strong! Moreover, pray for wisdom as we strive to be faithful stewards of God's resources and make bold ministry plans and projections for the coming budget year. More on this soon!

There was also a staff update in last week's meeting. In that update, one key transition was noted. After ten years of faithful service, our dear sister, Mrs. Susan Bumpus, is leaving her post as Office Administrator. Susan is moving back home to be with her family in Ohio where she'll be able to more readily take care of the needs of her aging father.

As many of you know, I've had the privilege of working side by side with Susan for the last ten years. She's been a faithful partner in ministry every step of the way. I thank God for leading her to us a decade ago and for the countless ways she's contributed to the life and ministry of Cornerstone.

Her time with us is quickly drawing to a close. Her final official day is June 30, but the final day she will be in-office is Friday, June 18th. Before she rides off into the sunset, please do not miss the opportunity to express your appreciation for her many years of service in our midst.

Please pray for the Personnel Committee and me as we search for a new Office Administrator. Due to the nature of the role, we are beginning the search with candidates who are outside of the membership of Cornerstone. Please pray that God would lead us to just the right person.

In closing, the Shurden family are bound for sunny Florida for a week of vacation, which is why I'm missing in action today. Though always saddened not to be worshiping with you in person, I'm grateful for the opportunity to get away and enjoy some unhurried family time at the sea. I look forward to being back with you in worship very soon.

Your servant,

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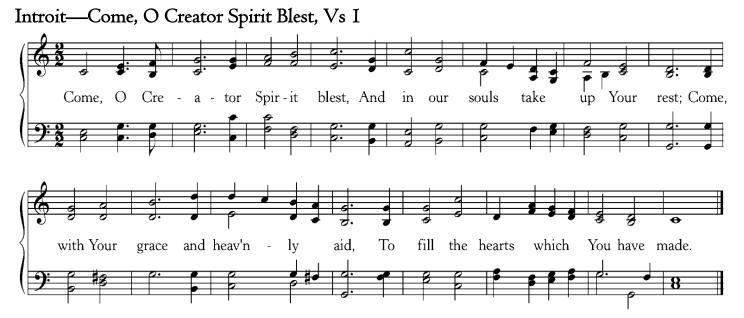
Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live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



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

Call to Worship—from Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

All: Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

All: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

All: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Pastor: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

All: And his faithfulness endures to all generations.

Hymn of Praise—Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven



New Testament Reading—I Peter 4:7-II

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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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Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on Colossians 3:2, 5, 7-10, 12-14

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing.

You call us to set our minds on things that are above,

not on things that are on earth.

All: Put to death in us impurity, evil desires, covetousness and idolatry.

Pastor: We once walked in these things when we were living in them.

All: Put away in us anger, wrath, malice, slander and obscene talk.

Pastor: Let us not lie to one another since we have put off the old self with its practices.

All: May we put on the new self which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Pastor: O God, clothe Your chosen ones, Your holy and beloved ones.

All: Give us compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

Pastor: Help us to bear with one another and forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven us.

All: And above all these, may we put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Micah 7:18-19

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. 19 He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Hymn of Praise—In Christ Alone



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The Reading of the Word—Mark 10:32-45

³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

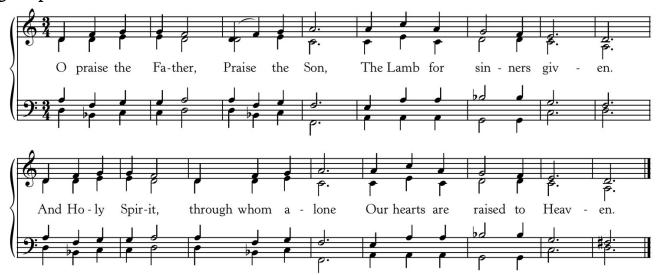
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Follow Me: The Gospel of Mark, pt 35

Who is the Greatest

—Ben Griffith, 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



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Hymn of Communion—There is a Fountain Filled with Blood



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—Awake My Zeal, Awake My Love



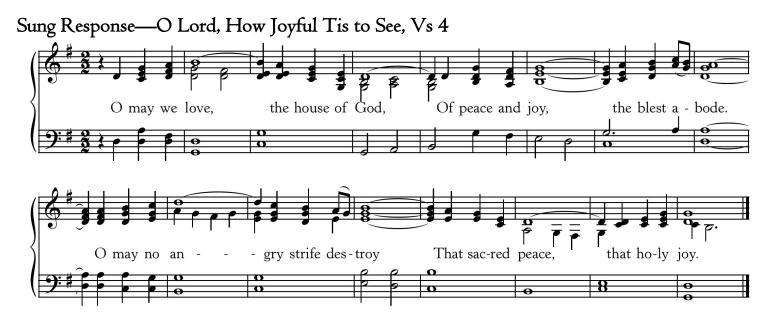
Text: Vs I-4, Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: TALLIS CANON, Thomas Tallis, 1560.

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 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen*.



Text: Charles Coffin, 1736, Tr by John Chandler, 1837, based on Psalm 133; Music: Folk Melody

Mission Prayer Focus—Colleen McGarry is the local programs coordinator as well as the director of communications for SGI in Nashville. She is responsible for overseeing and organizing the English classes for refugee women as well as mentoring and training volunteers as they learn to be friend refugees with the hope and love of Christ.

Prayer Points:

- For followers of Jesus to befriend and teach refugees. (Options for both men and women!)
- For a volunteer coordinator for transportation for ESL classes in the Fall.
- For the families that I spend time with may they see Jesus in me.
- For healing in the brokenness of refugee lives. Many have experienced a lot of trauma.
- For my volunteers, who have struggles and trials of their own. May they exhibit Christ.
- For SGI's other opportunities including the Sewing Training Program and the long and (new!) short term teaching positions in Iraq.

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

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.

Women's Fellowship Suppers

Please join with other Cornerstone Women for a catered supper and time to catch up before Bible study on June 22 and July 20. We will be on the third floor at the church. Sign up on the church website or app!

Coffee with Calvin

Brothers, join the men of Cornerstone this summer as we study the short Christian classic, *The Golden Booklet of the Christian Life*, by John Calvin. Our first of three gatherings is Thursday, June 24 at the Franklin Mercantile. No RSVP needed. Books are on The Bookshelf for \$5.

Men's Theology Study

It's not too late to join the Friday morning study of R.C. Sproul's *Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology.* Register through the website or app.

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. You have the opportunity to donate towards their trip! Look for the Youth outside, 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 - Kayaking and Wednesday Nights

-We are going on a five mile kayaking trip on June 19! Cost is \$15 per person. Please register and pay on the website or app. We will meet at River Rats off Hwy 431 in Columbia at 9 a.m. Parents are welcome, too!

-Wednesday nights are officially back! We meet Wednesdays at the Allens', 6-7:30 p.m. Bring a swimsuit and towel! Questions? youth@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

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!

Please take the time to discuss the following questions with your family or Home Fellowship Group.

- I. What was one big takeaway for you from this morning's message?
- 2. How do you think you would answer Jesus' question, "what do you want me to do for you"?
- 3. What do you think was at the heart of James and John's request? What is it that they really wanted? And in what ways do we pursue after the same thing that they were asking for?
- 4. Can you remember wanting and praying fervently for something, only later to realize that it was God's mercy to not grant your request?
- 5. Can you identify a specific, concrete situation in your life right now where the Lord may be calling you to step into the posture of a servant? What internal resistance do you encounter in this situation that hinders you from serving? How does this passage of God's word equip and invite you to grow and change?

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