



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time
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Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family:

I'm so glad I get to introduce you to my friend, Rev. Josh Rieger, today. Fifteen years ago, or more, I met Josh in Jackson, MS. We both were being trained for pastoral ministry and serving together on the staff of First Presbyterian Church at the time, and we both just hit it off, so to speak. Through the many years and miles, we've stayed in close touch, often learning from and praying for one another in the work of ministry.

Several years ago, the Cornerstone Mission's Team approved Josh and Gina Rieger for missionary support, which has woven us together even more. Today, Josh comes to preach the Word to us for our summer Mission Initiative Sunday and to tell us about the work in Hexham, England.

To help you get to know Josh a little better, I asked him to tell us a bit about his story. Here's what he wrote:

Josh Rieger was raised in a pastor's home in Burke, Virginia. Even as a teenager, he was involved in missions and ministry. While studying at the University of Arizona, Josh interned at a local PCA church and also helped start the RUF during his senior year. After graduating he was commissioned an officer in the US NAVY and served for 7 years, but during that time he also served as the Protestant lay leader on both of his ships. God used all of this experience to cultivate a heart for the ministry. While in the NAVY, Josh met and married Gina Cates, of Columbia, South Carolina. He began studies at Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, during his time in the NAVY and then completed his studies at RTS, Jackson, after getting out. Following seminary Josh and Gina served at First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Mississippi. They were involved with missions there and began to develop a relationship with the church's missionaries in Newcastle, England, that led to a call to church plant in Hexham, about an hour from Newcastle. Seven years ago Josh, Gina, Jackson and Riley Cates moved to Hexham to begin the work of church planting. Just under a year later, Rutherford was added to the family. Hexham Presbyterian Church has been meeting for the last 6 years and is growing towards particularisation. The Riegers have been back in the US for the last 10 months, while Gina has received treatment for a battle with breast cancer, but they are looking to return to Hexham this Autumn.

Please give close attention to the word Josh has prepared for us today from Acts 18.

Your servant,



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—O For a Thousand Tongues, Vs I & 2

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are: "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace. to spread through all the earth a-broad the honors of Thy name."

O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of His grace.
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of Thy name.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829, Arr. By Lowell Mason, 1839.

Call to Worship—based on Psalm 22:23-28

Pastor: You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All: Stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Pastor: For he has not despised or abhorred the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from them,

All: Our praise in the congregation comes from you

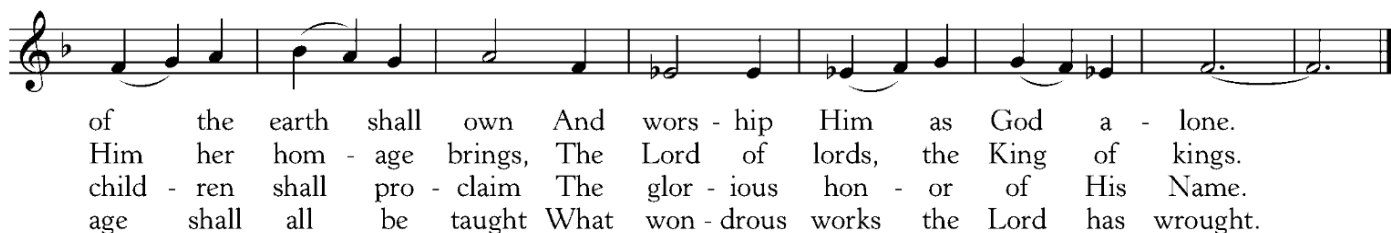
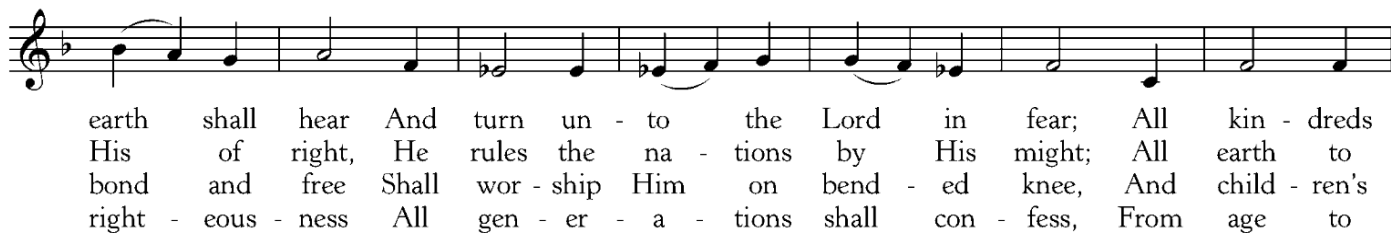
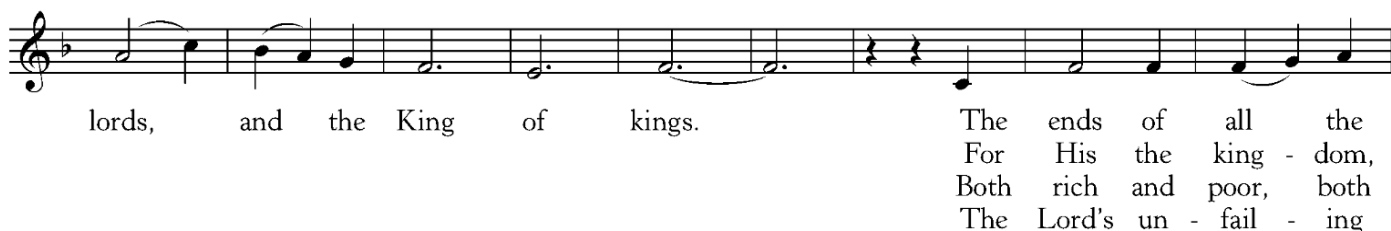
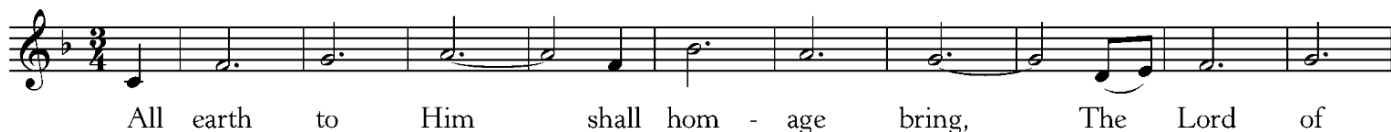
Pastor: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

Pastor: And all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

All: For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 22:27-31 All Earth to Him



CCLI #2844402 Text: *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: HOMAGE, Gregory Wilbur, 2010.

New Testament Reading—Romans 10:14-21

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

“Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.”

¹⁹But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,

“I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;
with a foolish nation I will make you angry.”

²⁰Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,

“I have been found by those who did not seek me;
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”

²¹But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

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 Response—Lord, Have Mercy



Congregational Confession of Sin—based on I Timothy 1:6-14

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have not given us a spirit of fear
but of power and love and self-control.

All: But we have not fanned into flames
the gift that You have placed within us for Your purposes.

Pastor: You have saved us and called us to a holy calling,
not because of our works but because of Your own purpose and grace
which You gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

All: We confess there are times
that we have been ashamed of this testimony about our Lord.

Pastor: Your grace has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,
who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel—
and we have been called to proclaim and teach this.

All: But there are times in which we have kept silent of this testimony
in fear of sharing in suffering for the gospel.

Pastor: May we not be ashamed, for we know whom we have believed,
and we are convinced that You are You are able to guard until that Day
what has been entrusted to us.

All: Give us grace to follow
and proclaim the life-giving words of the gospel
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: By the Holy Spirit, guard the good deposit You have entrusted to us.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from Romans I:I6-I7

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Hymn of Invitation—Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor



Lord, we a - dore thy bound - less grace, The heights and depths un - known,
O won - d'rous gift of love di - vine, Dear source of ev - 'ry good!
Here shall your num - 'rous wants re - ceive A free, a full sup - ply:



Of par - don, life, and joy, and peace, In thy be - lov - ed Son.
Je - sus, in thee what glo - ries shine! How rich thy flow - ing blood!
He has un - meas - ured bliss to give, And joys that nev - er die.



Come, all ye pin - ing, hun - gry poor, The Sav - ior's boun - ty taste;



Behold a ne - ver - fail - ing store, For ev - 'ry will - ing guest.

CCLI #11121087 ©Red Mountain Hymns Text: Anne Steel, 1716-1778; Music: Brian T. Murphy.

The Reading of the Word—Acts 18:1-11

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, ³and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. ⁶And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” ⁷And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. ⁹And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” ¹¹And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—*Do Not Be Silent*

—Josh Rieger, *Pastor in Hexham, England*

Sung Response—Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Way of Truth, Vs I

Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it I will not de - part; That

I may stead - fast - ly o - bey, Give me an un - der - stand - ing heart.

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Text: Joseph P. Holbrook, ca. 1878; Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567.

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—Let Glory Be to God



Let glo - ry be to God on high: Peace be on earth as
O Lord, the sole be - got - ten Son, Who bore the crimes which
Have mer - cy on us, through Thy blood; Re - ceive our prayer, O
in the sky; Good will to men! We bow the knee,
we had done; Son of the Fa - ther, who wast slain
Lamb of God! For Thou art ho - - ly; Thou a - lone,
We praise, we bless, we wor - ship Thee; We give Thee thanks, Thy
To take a - way the sins of men; O Lamb of God, whose
At God's right hand, up - on His throne, In all His glo - ry,
name we sing, Al - might - y Fa - ther! Heav'n - ly King!
blood was spilt For all the world, and all its guilt—
art a - dored, With Thee, O Ho - ly Ghost, one Lord.

CCLI #11121087 Text: From the Liturgy of St. James & an 8th Century manuscript (*Gloria in excelsis Deo*); Music: Greyfriars Press, 2018.

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 July—Psalm 132: Arise, O Lord



A - rise, O Lord, our God, a - rise And en - ter
Thy gra - cious cov' - nant, Lord, ful - fill, Turn not a -
Thy Zi - on Thou hast chos - en, Lord, And Thou hast
I will a - bun - dant - ly pro - vide For Zi - on's
Sal - va - tion shall a - dorn her priests, Her saints shall



now in - to Thy rest; O let this house be Thine a -
way from us Thy face; Est - ab - lish Thou Mes - si - ah's
said, I love her well, This is My con - stant rest - ing
good, the Lord hath said; I will sup - ply her dai - ly
shout with joy di - vine, Mes - si - ah's power shall be re -



bode, For - ev - er with Thy pre - sence blest.
throne And let Him reign with - in this place.
place, And here will I de - light to dwell.
need And sat - is - fy her poor with bread.
vealed, His glo - ry in His Church shall shine.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2012. Used by Permission.

Hymn of Praise—How Sweet and Awesome, Vs I-4, 6

How sweet and awe - some is the place With
 While all our hearts and all our songs Join
 "Why was I made to hear thy voice, And
 'Twas the same love that spread the feast That
 We long to see thy church - es full, That

Christ with in the doors, While ev - er - last - ing
 to ad - mire the feast, Each of us cry, with
 en - ter while there's room, When thou - sands make a
 sweet - ly drew us in; Else we had still re -
 all the cho - sen race May with one voice and

love dis - plays The choic - est of her stores.
 thank - ful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?
 wretch - ed choice, And rath - er starve than come?"
 fused to taste, And per - ished in our sin.
 heart and soul, Sing thy re - deem - ing grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: ST. COLUMBA, Old Irish Tune.

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*

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—Mighty Lord, Extend Your Kingdom



Might - y Lord, ex - tend Your king - dom, Be the truth with
By Your arm, e - ter - nal Fa - ther, Scat - ter far the
Come in all Your Spir - it's po - wer; Come, Your reign on



tri - umph crowned; Let the lands that sit in dark - ness
shades of night; Let the great Im - man - u - el's king - dom
earth re - store; In Your strength ride forth and con - quer,



Hear the glo - ri - ous Gos - pel sound, From our bor - ders,
O - pen like the morn - ing light; Let all bar - riers,
Still ad - vanc - ing more and more, Till all peo - ple,



From our bor - ders To the world's re - mot - est bound.
Let all bar - riers Yield be - fore Your heaven - ly might.
Till all peo - ple Shall Your ho - ly Name a - dore.

Text: Joseph Cottle, 1828; Music: Gregory D Wilbur, 2008. © 2008 Greyfriars Press. Used by Permission.

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—Jude I:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Sung Response—How Sweet and Awesome, Vs 5

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Pit - y the na - tions, O our God, Con - strain the earth to come; Send thy vic - to - rious Word a - broad, And bring the strang - ers home." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: ST. COLUMBA, Old Irish Tune.

Mission Prayer Focus—New College Franklin is dedicated to mentoring students in all spheres of life to be a faithful presence in the world by loving and serving neighbors. New College Franklin is a four-year, Christian liberal arts college employing a discipleship model of education to enable students to excel academically and be formed spiritually. New College students are grateful for the church’s encouragement of the college and are actively engaged in the life of the church by regularly serving in nursery, elementary SS, youth, adult Bible studies, music ministry and as interns. Prayer concerns:

- Praise for the past year and the ways that God has poured His mercies on the college through: spiritual growth, numerical growth, achieving accreditation, and meeting needs.
- Our new students—preparing to move to Franklin, adapting to college life, and integrating into a church community.
- Pray that the faculty and staff can effectively shepherd students intellectually, vocationally, morally, and spiritually.
- Pray for our new professor and her family as they move from Canada and work through immigration issues.

Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are 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. Please 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*

Bible study will continue on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. through July 20. No registration; just show up! **Bring a few dollars to support the Senior High Youth Group—they will be selling drinks in the courtyard to raise money for their trip to the Reformed Youth Ministries Conference.**

Women's Fellowship Supper

Join us for a catered supper before our last Bible study of the summer on Tuesday, July 20. We will gather on the third floor at 5:00 p.m. You can sign up and pay online.

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 next gathering is Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 a.m. at the Franklin Mercantile. No RSVP needed

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Team meets weekly, in person and via Zoom, to lift up the needs of the church. The meeting has moved to Monday evenings throughout June and July. To submit a prayer request or receive an invitation to join the Zoom meeting, contact prayer@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 as we explore some of these stories and see how these voices from our past continue to encourage us today.

July 4: For God's Glory Alone: The Cosmological Legacy of J.S. Bach

July 11: Lessons from Northumbria: Aiden, Cuthbert, and Oswald on the Love and Mission of God

Cornerstone Youth

The Youth Group meets every Wednesday, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Allens' for worship, study, and fun. Dinner is provided. All rising 7th-12th graders are invited! Don't forget a towel if you plan to swim. Questions? youth@cstonepres.org

Young Marrieds Fellowship and Lunch

Join us on Sunday, July 11 after second service at the Allens' house. Lunch is provided. Let us know you're coming! johnsonhannahruth@gmail.com

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