



CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Gospel of Mark

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time
08 August 2021

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

When I think back to some of the most formative spiritual moments of my childhood, I'm more times than not in a small brightly colored classroom with tiny chairs and some dear saint—like Kathy Morgan or Chuck Thompson—sharing stories and truths from God's Word.

No, I wasn't always listening. To be honest, I was often more excited about the snacks. But somewhere between my general distractedness and the consumption of vanilla wafers, the Lord was at work in a powerful way. In fact, as I was preparing for today's sermon, I thought of something that one of my Sunday School teachers taught me 30+ years ago. I'm actually going to include it today's sermon, so be listening for it!

Our fantastic Children's Coordinator, Meredith Suits, has been hard at work getting ready for the fall term of Sunday School. I asked her if she could tell us a bit about what to expect. Here's what she wrote:

The children's ministry will kick off our new semester of Sunday school on August 15. We hope your kids are registered and are excited to see friends and teachers again. If you haven't registered yet, we would love to add your kids to our rosters. Email meredithsuits@gmail.com or search our online church directory for the registration form.

Our PreK-Kindergarten class (led by Joe Marlo, Joy Marlo, and Eleanor Ware) will spend the fall learning Bible stories from Genesis, singing songs, and memorizing scripture. The 1st-2nd grade class (led by Katie Patton and Poppy Driskell) is learning a different name of God each week and what it tells us about who He is through stories in the Bible. The 3rd-4th grade class (led by Ellie Terrell and Abigail Hicks) will continue their study of Acts from the summer and learn about God's growing church. The 5th-6th graders (led by Dave Raymond and Sabrina Brewer) will study questions 1-7 of the New City Catechism, spending about 2-3 weeks on each question and engaging in discussion of the core doctrines of the Christian faith.

We are thankful for the teachers and assistants in these classes who are sharing their time and talents with our Cornerstone kids and hope that you will join us in encouraging them and our parents as we teach our children to love God and grow in their faith.

If you have children, I encourage you—no, implore you—to make Sunday School a priority for your kids this fall. Your children need the Bible. They also need to see the body of Christ at work. By taking kids to Sunday school, both of these realities come together in a special way. In 10 or 20 years from now, what will your children look back on say, "That's when everything changed for me spiritually." By God's grace, it might just be Sunday school this fall.

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

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—Psalm 68:32-35

Pastor: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;

All: sing praises to the LORD,

Pastor: to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

All: behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

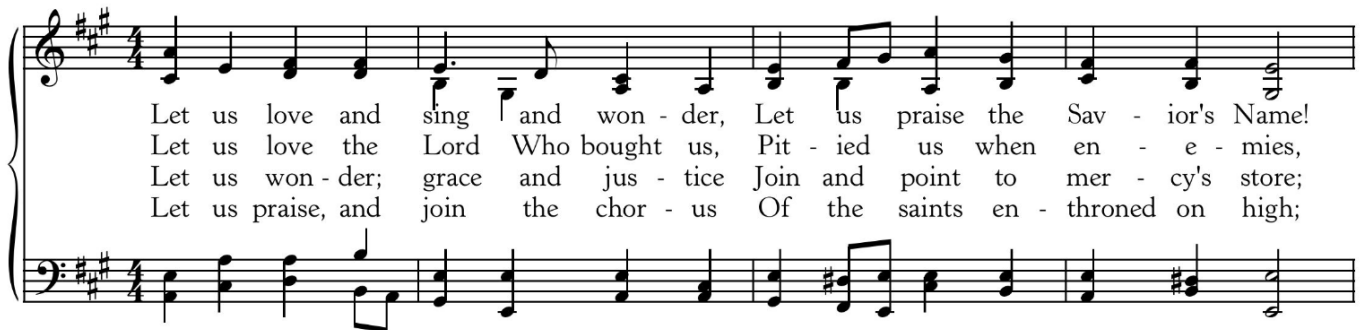
Pastor: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,

All: and whose power is in the skies.

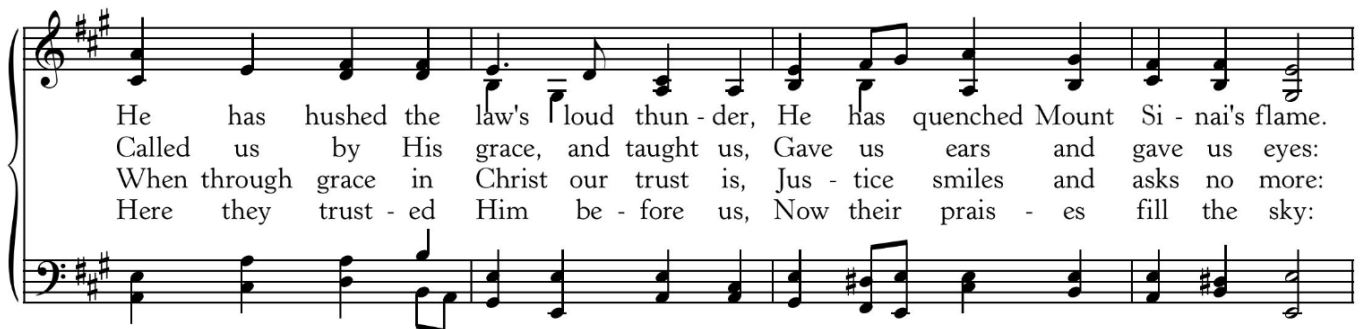
Pastor: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—

All: He is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

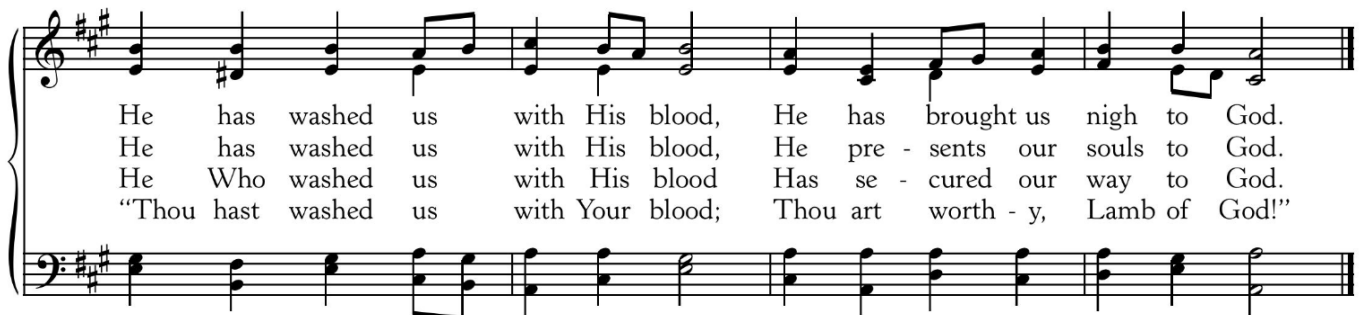
Hymn of Praise—Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



Let us love and sing and won - der, Let us praise the Sav - ior's Name!
Let us love the Lord Who bought us, Pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice Join and point to mer - cy's store;
Let us praise, and join the chor - us Of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame.
Called us by His grace, and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
When through grace in Christ our trust is, Jus - tice smiles and asks no more:
Here they trust - ed Him be - fore us, Now their prais - es fill the sky:



He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.
He has washed us with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.
He Who washed us with His blood Has se - cured our way to God.
"Thou hast washed us with Your blood; Thou art worth - y, Lamb of God!"

Text: John Newton, 1774; Music: ALL SAINTS OLD

New Testament Reading—Ephesians I:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love⁶ toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills 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 Response—Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

WOMEN
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

MEN
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Luke 18:13; Music: FRANKLIN KYRIE, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on I Corinthians 15:12-20

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing.

Christ is proclaimed as risen from the dead.

All: But we act as if there was no resurrection of the dead.

Pastor: But if there is no resurrection of the dead then not even Christ has been raised.

**All: Our faith is in vain
because we act as if Christ has not been raised.**

Pastor: We misrepresent God because we testify that He raised Christ from the grave,

All: But we live functionally like there is no resurrection.

Pastor: For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

**All: And if Christ has not been raised,
our faith is futile and we are still in our sins.**

Pastor: If in Christ we have hope in life only,

All: We are of all people most to be pitied.

Pastor: But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of them who have fallen asleep.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Hymn of Praise—The Church's One Foundation 1,2,4,5

The Church - 's one foun-da-tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord: She is His new cre -
E - lect from ev - 'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her char - ter of sal -
'Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war, She waits the con - sum -
Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God the Three in One, and mys - tic sweet com -

a - tion By wa - ter and the word; From heav'n He came and sought her To
va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth: One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par -
ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more, Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her
mu - ion With those whose rest is won. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord,

be His ho - ly bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
takes one ho - ly food, And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
long - ing eyes are blest, And the great Church vic - tor - ious Shall be the Church at rest.
give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and low - ly On high may dwell with Thee.

Text: Samuel Stone, 1866; Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1864.

The Reading of the Word—Mark 12:18-27

¹⁸ And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, ¹⁹ “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁰ There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. ²¹ And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. ²² And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. ²³ In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.”

²⁴ Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ²⁶ And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? ²⁷ He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

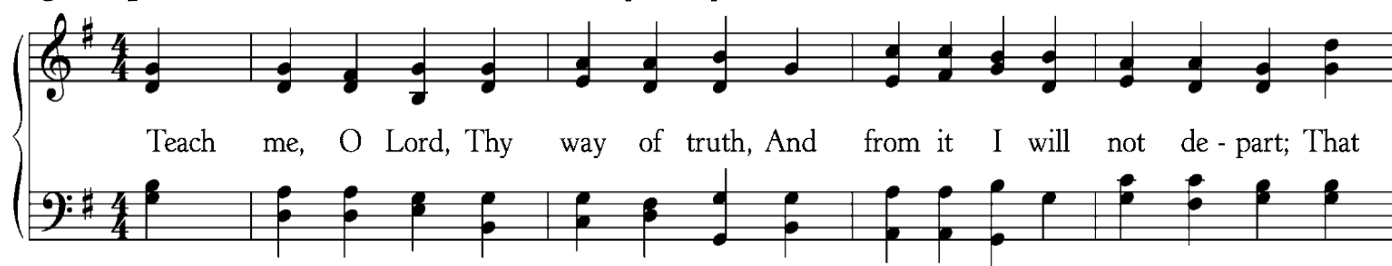
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Follow Me: The Gospel of Mark, pt 42

God of the Living

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

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.

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.

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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—Psalm 84: O Lord of Hosts




O Lord of Hosts, how love - ly Thy tab - er - nac - les are; — For
Be - neath Thy care the spar - row Finds place for peace - ful rest; — To
Blest they who dwell in Zi - on, Whose joy and strength Thou art; — For -
Lord God of Hosts, in mer - cy my supp - lic - a - tion hear; — Al -



them my heart is yearn - ing In ban - ish - ment a - far. My —
keep her young in safe - ty The swal - low finds a nest; Then, —
ev - er they will praise Thee, Thy ways are in their heart. Though
might - y and all faith - ful our fath - er's God give ear. Our —



soul is long - ing, faint - ing. Thy sa - cred courts to see; My
Lord, my King Al - might - y, Thy love will shel - ter me; Be -
tried, their tears like show - ers Shall fill the springs of peace, And
shield and great de - fend - er, no — long - er hide Thy face. But



heart and flesh are cry - ing, O liv - ing — God, for — Thee.
side Thy ho - ly al - tar My dwell - ing — place shall be.
all the way to Zi - on Their strength shall still in - crease.
look up - on thy ser - vant, a - noin - ted — by Thy — grace.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: NCA, 2021 Used by Permission.

Hymn of Communion—O Love of God



O love of God, how strong and true! E - te - rnal, and yet ev - er
O heaven - ly love, how pre - cious still, In days of wear - i - ness and
We read thee best in Him who came To bear for us the cross of
O love of God, how strong and true! E - te - rnal, and yet ev - er



new; Un - com - pre - hend - ed and un - bought, Be - yond all know - ledge and all
ill, In nights of pain and help - less - ness, To heal, to com - fort, and to
shame; Sent by the Fa - ther from on high, Our life to live, our death to
new; Un - com - pre - hend - ed and un - bought, Be - yond all know - ledge and all



thought. O love of God, how deep and great! Far deep - er than man's deep - est
bless! O wide em - brac - ing, won - drous love! We read thee in the sky a -
die. We read thy power to bless and save, E'en in the dark - ness of the
thought. O love of God, our shield and stay Through all the per - ils of our



hate; Self fed, self kin - dled, like the light, Change - less, e - te - rnal, in - fi - nite.
bove, We read thee in the earth be - low, In seas that swell, and streams that flow.
grave; Still more in res - ur - rec - tion light, We read the full - ness of thy might.
way! E - ter - nal love, in thee we rest For - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1861; Music: © 2013 Greyfriars Press.

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—I Will Glory in My Redeemer



I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er Whose price-less blood has ran - some - time Mine was the
I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er My life He bought, my love He owns I have no
I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er Who car - ries me on ea - gle's wings He crowns my



sin that drove the bit - ter nails And hung Him on that judg - ment tree I will glo-ry in my Re-
long - ings for a - noth - er I'm sat - is - fied in Him a - lone I will glo-ry in my Re-
life with lov - ing - kind - ness His tri - umph song I'll ev - er sing I will glo-ry in my Re-



deem-er Who crushed the power of sin and death My on - ly Sav - ior be - fore the Ho - ly Judge The
deem-er His faith - ful - ness my stand - ing place Though foes are might - y and rush u - pon me My
deem-er Who waits for me at gates of gold And when He calls me it will be par - a - dise His



Lamb Who is my right - eous - ness The Lamb Who is my right - eous - ness
feet are firm, held by His grace My feet are firm, held by His grace
face for - ev - er to be - hold His face for - eve - r to be - hold

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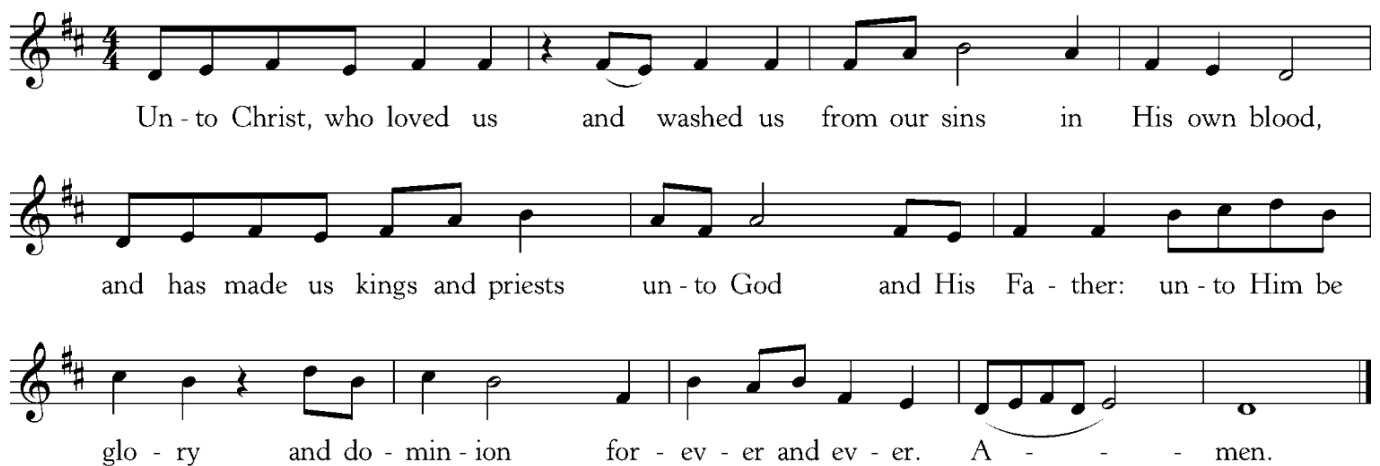
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—I Peter 5:10-11

The God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Unto Christ, Who Loved Us



Un - to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
and has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther: un - to Him be
glo - ry and do - min - ion for - ev - er and ev - er. A - - - men.

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Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

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 Fall Bible Studies Beginning Soon

Cornerstone Women will study the books of Ruth and Esther this Fall—beginning the week of August 30 and ending before Thanksgiving. You can find more details about times and locations, books, and childcare on the website and app. *Books will be ordered tomorrow, so please register as soon as possible.*

Come Share Jesus with the Next Generation

We need some folks who are willing to jump into an Elementary Sunday School class when the regular teachers need to miss. If you are willing to participate in this important work, let Meredith Suits know by clicking the link in the weekly email or emailing her. elementary@cstonepres.org

Elementary Sunday School Registration

Please visit the church website or app to register your children, ages three years through 6th grade, for the 2021-22 Sunday School year.

Coffee with Calvin

The men of Cornerstone are studying *The Golden Booklet of the Christian Life*, by John Calvin. Our next gathering is Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 a.m. at the Franklin Mercantile. No RSVP needed. Contact men@cstonepres.org for more information.

Cornerstone Youth

The Youth Group is taking a short break over the next couple of weeks from our usual events. We will resume Sunday School on August 15, and Wednesday night activities will pick back up on August 25.

Adult Sunday School

The Lay of the Land: Reflecting on the PCA and the 2021 General Assembly

This upcoming Sunday School class will teach you about the foundations and story of our denomination in light of the key business of this year's General Assembly. Special attention will be given to the study committee on sexuality and the issue of same sex attraction. You will walk away from this class with a better biblical understanding of the issues and in context of the PCA's history and distinctives. All adults are encouraged to attend beginning August 15.

Servant Group International

SGI is looking for volunteers to serve Nashville's refugee population by providing childcare during English classes on Mondays and/or Wednesdays and coordinating transportation for those attending. Contact Colleen McGarry for more information. (colleen@servantgroup.org) SGI is also looking for volunteers to assist with the refugee sewing program, Sew for Hope. They need someone to sort donations and as well as a teaching assistant. Contact Bonnie. bonnie@servantgroup.org

Sunday School

All Sunday School classes are on summer break. We will resume on August 15.

Overflow Rooms

For the next several Sundays, masks are required in the overflow rooms located on the 3rd floor.

Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "God of the Living," is taken from Mark 12:18-27. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- In your own words, what theological mistake(s) did the Sadducees make?
- Reflecting on the text, what is the age to come, and how is it different from this age? How is it similar?
- Discuss this quote, "When you live with death in view, you really live." How has this been true in your life?
- What does Jesus mean when he says, "He (God) is not God of the dead, but of the living?" Why is this good news?
- How does the institution of marriage tell the whole story of the gospel?

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