



# CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

*Ordinary Time—Sundays of Pentecost*

*17 September 2017*

## *Welcome to Worship*

If you are reading this in worship, I want you to know something—you *are an answer to prayer*. Each Sunday before worship, I ask God to bring into our midst exactly who He desires would be there. Since you are with us today, I believe God has a blessing in store for you. I am prayerful as we worship together today, that blessing will be received and enjoyed.

To that end, this service of worship has been designed that we might know God and the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the summons to worship at the beginning to the sending out into the world at the benediction, that you might know God, the truth and joy of salvation, and be equipped to answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Following the service, feel free to approach one of our elders (the men who help serve the Lord's Supper) with any prayer needs or questions you may have. I believe you will find them to be warm, inviting, and eager to serve. Please know I would personally enjoy getting to meet you this morning following the service, so please stop by and see me at the front door of the chapel.

It is my sincere prayer that your experience today at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is one that blesses you spiritually and strengthens your faith in the Lord.

Grace & Peace,  
Rev. Nate Shurden

### *Sunday School Schedule*

**Nursery** (basement)

**PreK:** Room I04 (basement)

Joe and Joy Marlo; Assistant: Kristin Lee

**K/I<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Room I03 (basement)

Teacher: Amy Pent; Assistant: Mark Elliott

**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Room I0I (basement)

Teacher: Bob Wolk; Assistant: Anneke Seely

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Comenius Room (third floor)

Teacher: Ronda Laventure; Assistant: Julia Grounds

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Schaeffer Room (third floor)

Teacher: Charlotte Robinson; Assistant: Mary Lynn Giles

**Youth** (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) at Merridees

### **Adult**

The Chapel Class: *The Gospel-Centered Community* (Chapel)

Koinonia Class: *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (Kuyper Room 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

Exploring Cornerstone (Room 204)

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.

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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*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.*

### Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

#### Introit—Rejoice, the Lord Is King, Vs I

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!

Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

## Call to Worship—Isaiah 12:4-6

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,

All: Make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

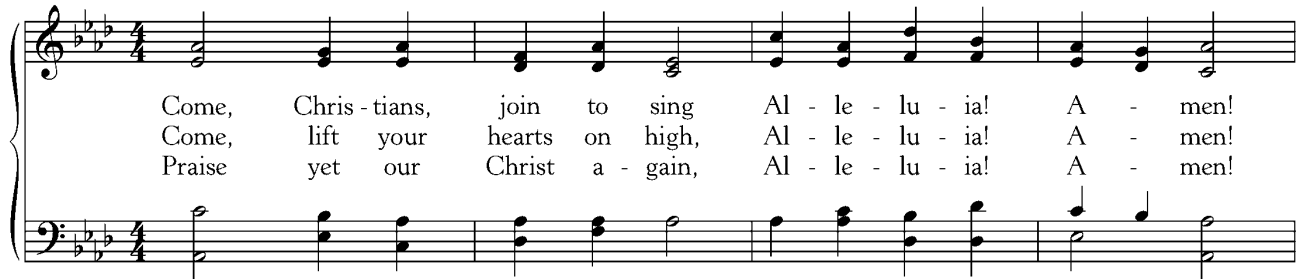
Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

All: Let this be made known in all the earth.

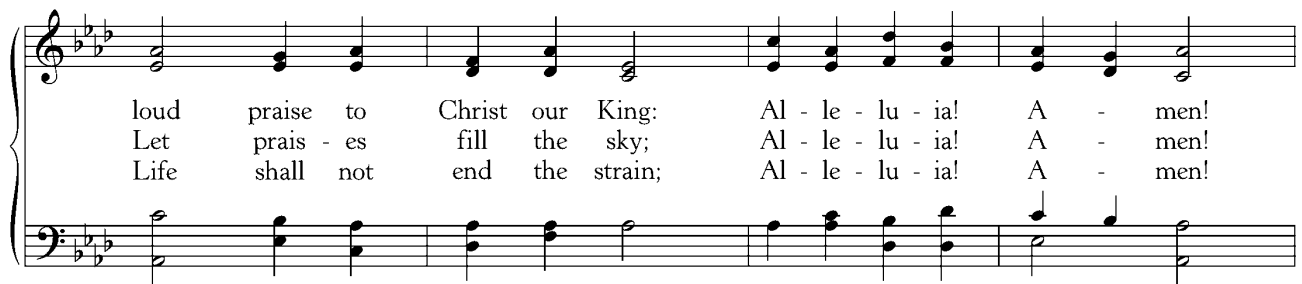
Pastor: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

All: For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

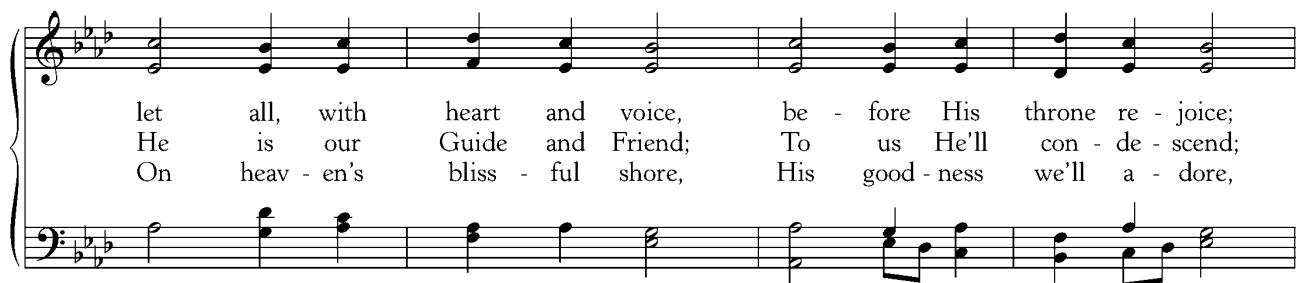
## Hymn of Praise—Come, Christians Join to Sing



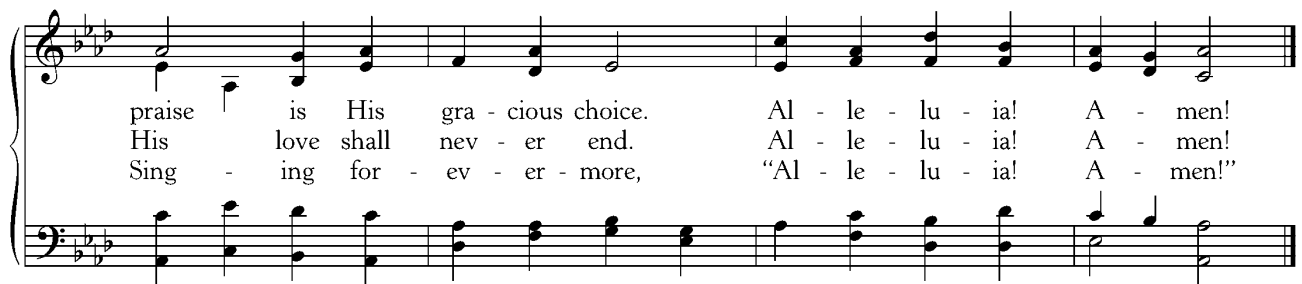
Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;  
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;  
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
His love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

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

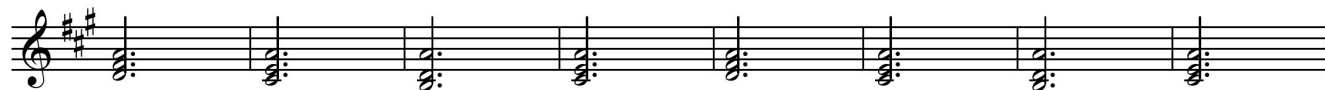
## Hymn of Praise—Come, Ye that Love the Savior's Name



Come, ye that love the Sav - ior's Name, And joy to make it known,  
Be - hold your Lord, your Mas - ter, crowned With glo - ries all di - vine;  
When, in His earth - ly courts, we view The glo - ries of our King,  
And shall we long and wish in vain? Lord, teach our songs to rise:



The Sov - reign of your hearts pro - claim, And bow be - fore His throne.  
And tell the won - d'ring na - tions round How bright those glo - ries shine.  
We long to love as an - gels do, And wish like them to sing.  
Thy love can an - i - mate the strain, And bid it reach the skies.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

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+++Latecomers Please Wait to be Seated+++

## New Testament Reading—I Corinthians 9:19-23

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

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 Jesus, Think on Me, Vs I & 2

Lord Je - sus, think on me, And purge a - way my sin; From  
Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - prest; Let  
earth - born pas - sions set me free, And make me pure with - in.  
me thy lov - ing serv - ant be, And taste thy prom - ised rest.

CCLI #11121087 © Greyfriars Press, 1997 Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 375-430, Tr by Allen William Charfield, 1808-96;  
Music: Southwell, Damon's *Psalmes*, 1579, Adapted by GDW, 1997.

## Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 25:4-II, 18

Pastor: Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.

All: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;  
for you we wait all the day long.

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

All: Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember us,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Pastor: The LORD is good and upright; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

All: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Pastor: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

All: For your name's sake, O LORD, You pardon our great guilt.

Pastor: You consider our afflictions and our trouble, and you forgive all our sins.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon—Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

+++Latecomers are Welcome to be Seated+++

## Hymn of Praise—The Church's One Foundation, Vs 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.

# GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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## The Reading of the Word—Acts 17:16-34

<sup>16</sup> Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbling wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” <sup>20</sup> For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;  
as even some of your own poets have said,  
“For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” <sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

## Sermon—Portraits of Discipleship, Part 5

*Building Bridges to the Gospel*

—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.

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first line of the text, and the second system contains the second line. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with a simple harmonic accompaniment in the left hand.

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

# Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

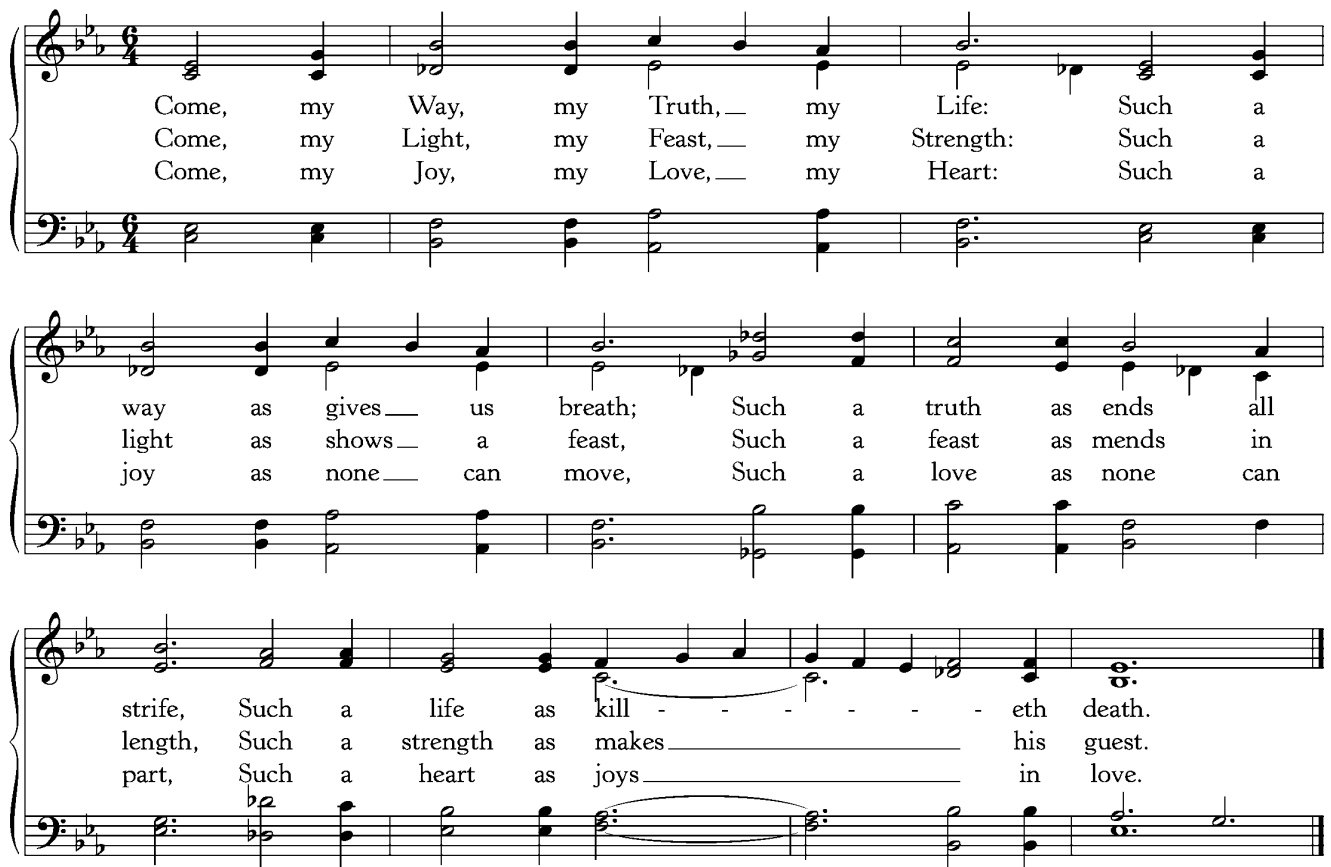
## Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

*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—Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



Come, my Way, my Truth, — my Life: Such a  
Come, my Light, my Feast, — my Strength: Such a  
Come, my Joy, my Love, — my Heart: Such a  
way as gives — us breath; Such a truth as ends all  
light as shows — a feast, Such a feast as mends in  
joy as none — can move, Such a love as none can  
strife, Such a life as kill — — — — eth death.  
length, Such a strength as makes — — — — his guest.  
part, Such a heart as joys — — — — in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1633; Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911.

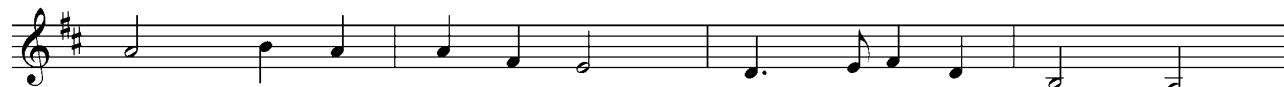
## Hymn of Communion—Come Ye Disconsolate



Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,  
Joy of the de - so - late, light of the stray - ing,  
Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing



Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.  
Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!  
Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;  
Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.  
"Earth has no sor - row that Heav'n can - not cure."  
Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

CCLI #11121087 Text: Thomas Moore, 1816; Music: DISCONSOLATE, Gregory D Wilbur, 2007.

### 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.

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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—from 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians 1:10-11)

Women  
May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives

Men  
May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy May you lead lives

wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His

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ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

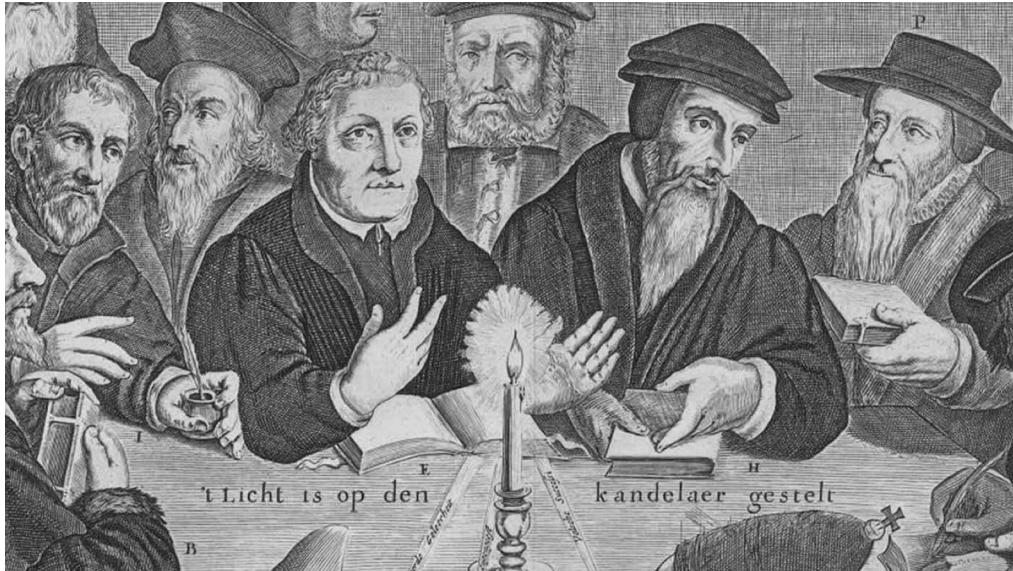
And find joy May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

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### Prayer Focus—GraceWorks

GraceWorks Ministries, Inc. was founded in 1995, when area concerned citizens and faith leaders came together and decided Williamson County needed a central plan to send people who needed help with food, clothing and financial assistance. By pooling church resources with private and public sectors, GraceWorks was able to provide more help for many needs to better serve our community, rather than duplicating efforts. GraceWorks focuses on four areas—family support, instructional programs, seasonal needs and hunger prevention. Through its many programs, GraceWorks fulfilled 46,665 needs valued at \$5.2 million in 2016.

- Prayers for our homeless neighbors and those struggling to maintain their housing.
- Prayers of gratitude for those who give sacrificially to the mission of GraceWorks.
- Prayers for continued involvement from our church partners, and new partnership opportunities with other churches seeking to serve our community together.
- Prayers for more regular volunteers to help in the stores and sorting donations.



# Reformation 500

CStone Wednesday Nights—Fall 2017

Catered Dinner at 5:30PM & Teaching and Vespers at 6:15PM

With the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation just around the corner, we will use our teaching time on Wednesday nights to tell the story of the Reformation and its key figures. In addition, we will talk about the on-going significance of the Reformation in the doctrines and practices that flowed from a Wittenberg door in 1517 down through the centuries to our own chapel doors in 2017.

RSVP on-line at [www.cornerstonepresfranklin.org](http://www.cornerstonepresfranklin.org) by Monday at Noon



Today after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service at Jim Warren Park

Today's message is entitled, "Building Bridges to the Gospel" from Acts 17:16-34. Please take time to discuss the following questions with your friends, family, or Home Fellowship Group.

- Paul writes in I Corinthians 9:22, "I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some." How does Paul illustrate this commitment in Acts 17?
- Can you give an example or two of what "becoming all things to all people" might look like in our cultural moment?
- What did Pastor Nate mean when he we said we can use cultural capital to build bridges to the gospel? Take a look at Acts 17:22-23. How specifically does Paul use cultural capital in Athens as a means to get to the gospel?
- Group Exercise 1 – Take the culture's dogged pursuit for success and consider how that capital (idol) could be used as a bridge to the gospel. Illustrate it if you can.
- Group Exercise 2 – Take the culture's longing for inner peace and consider how that capital could be used a bridge to the gospel. Illustrate it if you can.

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