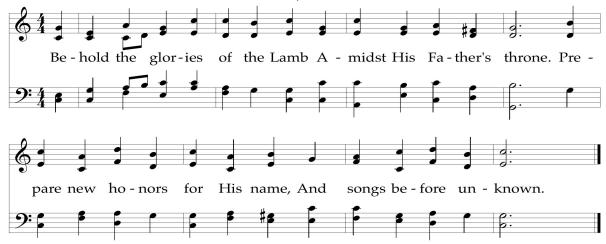
## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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.

## Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

### Introit—Behold the Glories of the Lamb, Vs I



Text: Isaac Watts, 1688; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

## Call to Worship—Psalm 10:16-18

Pastor: The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land.

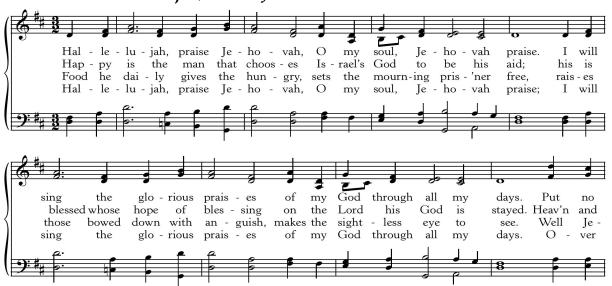
All: O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

Pastor: You will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear

All: to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

Pastor: So that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

## Hymn of Praise—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah





Text: Psalm 146, The Psalter, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant, Arr. By Lowell Mason, 1839.

## Psalm of Praise—Psalm 29: Now Unto Jehovah



Text: Verse I, The Psalter, 1912, Verses 2-4, Book of Psalms, 1871; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2009. Used by permission.

(Please be seated)

# Scripture Reading and Prayers

# Hymn of Praise—Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts



Text: St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, Tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-87; Music: Folk Melody

# The Reading of the Word—Luke 20:45-21:4

45 And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, 46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, 47 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

I Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, 2 and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. 4 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Elder: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

## Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 92

Giving All We Have to Live On

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

## 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.

## Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 51:1-4, 6-10, 11-12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love.

All: According to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Pastor: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us of our sins, for we know only too well our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

All: Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that you may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Pastor: Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach wisdom in the secret of our hearts.

All: Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean;
wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Pastor: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

All: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

# Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon—from Colossians I:13-14

I, the Lord, have delivered you from the domain of darkness and transferred you to the kingdom of my beloved Son, in whom you have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

#### Sung Response—Sanctus



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# 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.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;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.

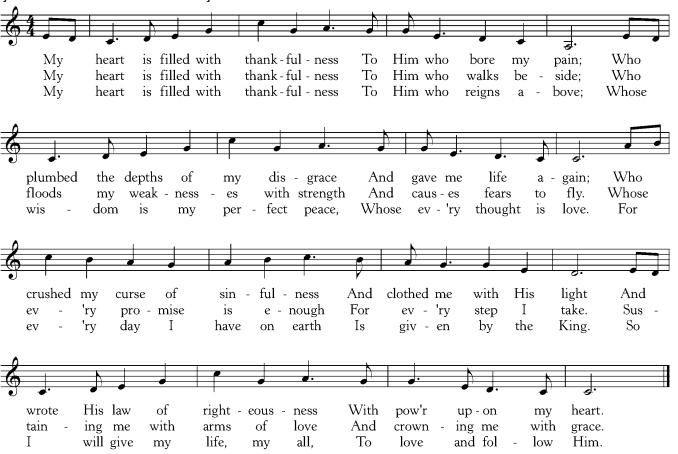
If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

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.



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## Hymn of Communion—My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness



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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.

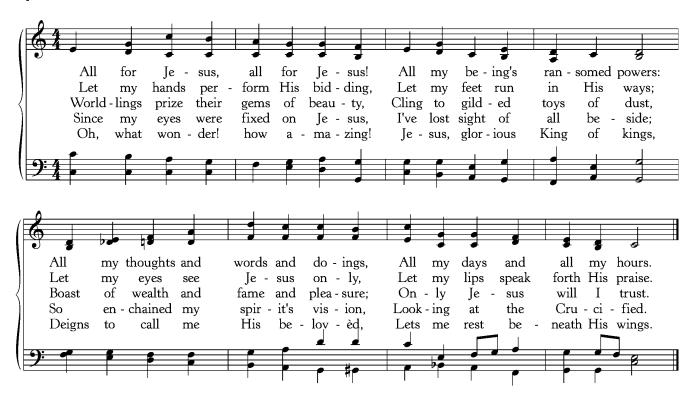
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

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—All For Jesus



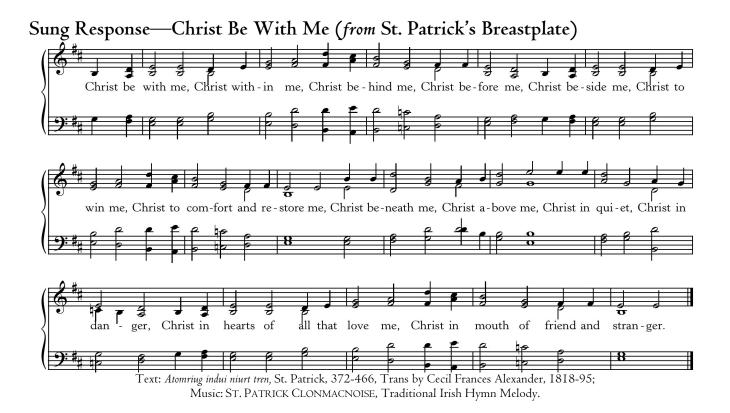
Text: Mary D. James, 1889; Music: WYCLIFF, John Stainer, The Crucifixion, 1887, Adapted 2007.

# 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 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.



# Pray for Our Supported Ministries and Missions WORLD

- Kurds: Servant Group International
- Italy: Dan & Julie Meyers with Pilgrim Road Ministries
- Sri Lanka/India: Bill Iverson

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Jim Smith, 347-4188 or jims@svmic.com 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6:00 p.m., Smith's house

Randy Allen, 260-1884 or randmanrx@gmail.com Sundays at 5:30 p.m., Allen's house, *I Samuel* 

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Matt Michaud, 803-319-2693 or michaudba@gmail.com Sundays at 4-6 p.m., Michaud's house In Luke 20:45-21:4, Jesus warns his disciples about the hypocrisy of the scribes and commends the actions of a poor but generous widow. Take time to read and reflect on the questions below with your family, home fellowship group, or a friend.

- ➤ How is the pairing of the scribes with the poor widow a study in contrasts?
- Taking into account Jesus' criticisms of the scribes in Luke 20:45-48, how would you summarize the scribes' spiritual condition in one word?
- Consider your own life. What similarity do you notice between yourself and the scribes? Be honest with yourself and be prayerful as God reveals your heart.
- What makes the poor widow's gift greater than the large sums given by others? Is Jesus saying the amount we give does not matter?
- ➤ Would those who know you best call you generous? Why or why not?
- How does the gospel empower us to overcome our stinginess and release a spirit of generosity? How is God calling you to exercise joyful sacrificial giving right now?

"I do not believe we can settle how much we are to give. The only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. For if our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, than our charities are almost certainly too small."—C.S. Lewis

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