



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the
Servant
Songs of
Isaiah



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10 March 2024

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

Greetings and blessings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Earlier this week I was thinking about the years I've shared with Christy in marriage. Recounting the ups and downs, twists and turns, I found myself tearing up at the unspeakably precious gift Christy has been to me over the years. I can honestly say that one of the most grounding and comforting realities of my life is knowing that she loves me.

Reflecting on the sweetness and sturdiness of her love for me produces grateful peace in my heart. For regardless of how inadequate I feel or what anyone else thinks or says about me, I know she loves me. I'm her person no matter what.

This is all the more astonishing when I consider *who I am*. Shocker, I'm not an easy person to live with. But my scattered, running-thin, and embarrassingly selfish self doesn't rattle her. She takes it in stride and accepts me warts and all while her example continually nudges me toward being a better man—the man I know God has called me to be.

Even after all the foolish things I've said and done, after all the ways I've fallen short, her love hasn't budged. Her affection remains. Her patience is steady. Even after I do "that thing" for the umpteenth time, she *forgives* me. She forgives *me*.

Despite how it sounds, Christy is not perfect. Far from it! She's a sinner like the rest of us. But I can honestly say the Lord has been pleased to use her example of love as a *vision of grace* in my life.

What do I mean by a vision of grace?

Well, take this in. If you have trusted in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, then you are a child of God. And if you are a child of God, you are loved with perfect patience by your Heavenly Father. Though you have fallen short countless times (it's far worse than you know), his love for you hasn't wavered once. The Father is not in heaven wishing he had the "good kid next door" and not you as his child. No, as hard as it may be to wrap your head around this, *he delights in loving you*.

Sure, you disappoint him. There's no way around that. But know this—his grief over your sin is the evidence of his love for you. In the way that a loving parent grieves over a child who wanders away from the Lord, the Father grieves when you leave the comfort of his love and commands. He grieves when you forsake him and bow down to the idols of the world and the flesh.

But don't despair. You're in the house of God. Today, the Father gathers up his robe and runs toward you in love. In the finished work of Jesus Christ by the power of the Spirit, the Father takes you into his arms and rejoices to welcome you, "My prodigal child is home again!"

As we worship today, let's remain in his love (John 15:9)

Your servant,

Steve

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.

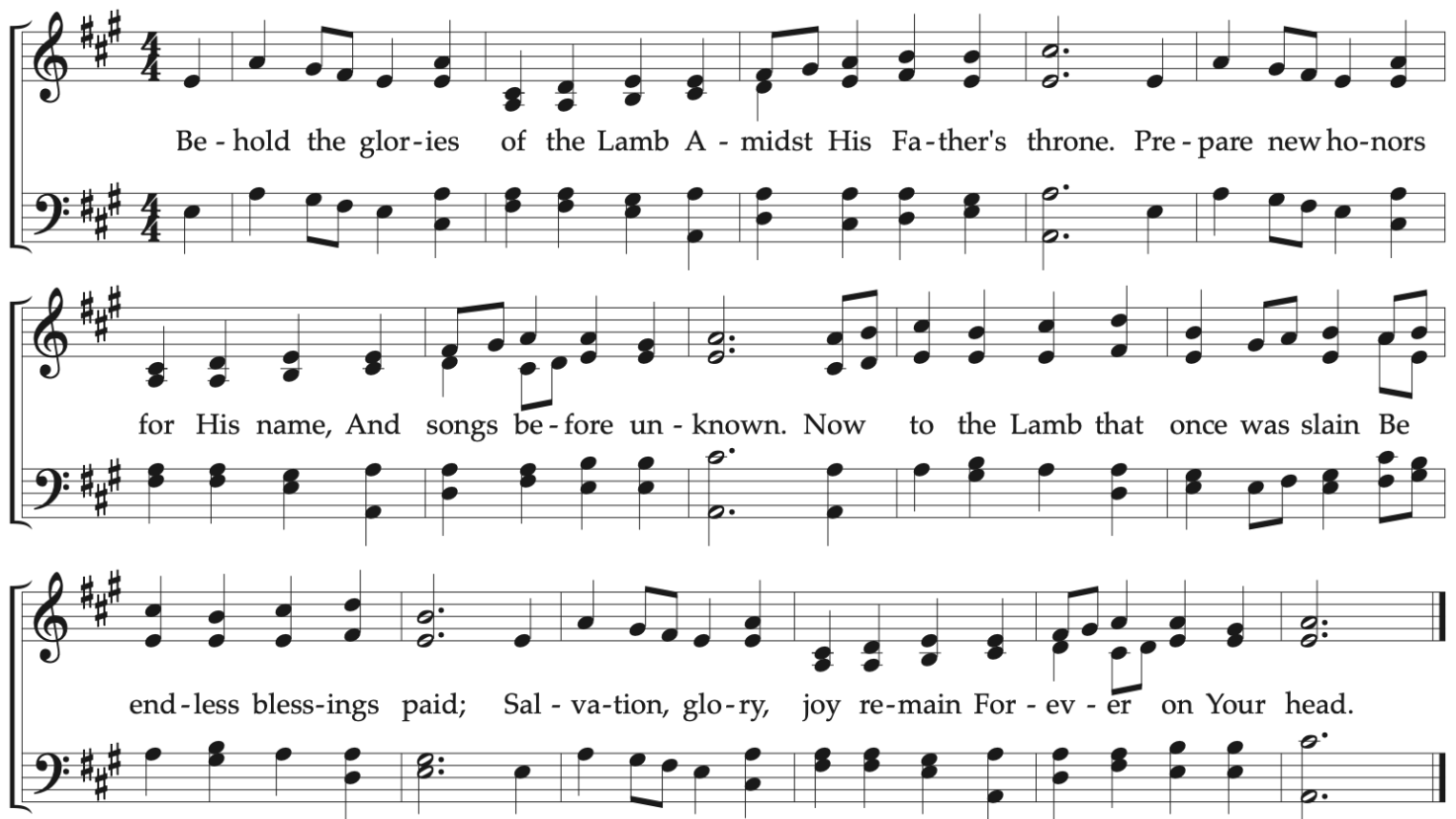
Worship Notes— Today we are looking at the Third Servant Song, found in Isaiah 50, in which the servant will “sustain him with a word him who is weary,” even as He Himself relies upon the Lord for His strength and vindication as he endures suffering (vs 7-8). The Call to Worship is taken from Psalm 27, which reminds us that “The Lord is our light and our salvation,” and thus we need not look elsewhere as we seek His face. In the opening hymn, *Give Thanks to God the Lord*, we sing praises that we can trust God and look to “The Lord’s great strength...” because His “...word continues yet.” The New Testament reading from I Peter encourages us to look to Christ in our sufferings and “rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings.” After we have confessed the weakness and sinfulness of our flesh from Psalm 38 and have been Assured from Romans 8 that God has justified his elect through Christ’s work on our behalf, we then praise our Lord from *Isaiah 43*, who is with us through the fire and flood and who is our Savior. The second communion hymn is *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*. We read in the sermon passage today that “I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.” These themes will continue in the following weeks through the Servant Songs and directs our attention back to the work of Christ on Good Friday, where through His pain, his sufferings, and his death on the cross “none shall ever be confounded who on Him their hope have made.” We then, with the words of *Before the Throne of God Above* exult in Christ’s victory and interceding for us on the throne where our “life is hid with Christ on high.”

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—Behold the Glories of the Lamb



Be - hold the glor - ies of the Lamb A - midst His Fa - ther's throne. Pre - pare new ho - nors
for His name, And songs be - fore un - known. Now to the Lamb that once was slain Be
end - less bless - ings paid; Sal - va - tion, glo - ry, joy re - main For - ev - er on Your head.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1668; Music: ELLACOMBE, Later form (1868) of a melody in Wüttemberger Gesangbuch (1784).

Call to Worship—from Psalm 27:1, 4, 8, 11, 14

Pastor: The LORD is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All: The LORD is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Pastor: One thing we ask of the LORD and that we will seek after:
that we may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of our lives,

All: That we may gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

Pastor: You have said, "Seek my face."

All: Our hearts say to you, "Your face, LORD, do we seek."

Pastor: Teach us Your way, O LORD, and lead us on a level path.

All: Wait for the LORD, be strong and let your hearts take courage; wait for the LORD!

Hymn of Praise—Give Thanks to God the Lord

Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call. Make
Look to the Lord's great strength; re - mem - ber all His deeds. His
Sing to the Lord, all earth; His sav - ing power pro - claim. De -
Give thanks to God the Lord; His good - ness now de - clare. He

known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what He has done for all. Sing
judg - ments are in all of the earth; He is the Lord in - deed. His
clare His glo - ry to ev - ery race; His marve - lous deeds now name. For
saves, de - liv - ers from eve - ry foe; His love en - dures for - e'er. Give

praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro - claim. Re -
cov' - nant e'er will stand; His oath He'll ne'er for - get. A
great is God the Lord, most worth - y of all praise. He
thanks un - to His Name and glo - ry in His praise; Praise

joyce, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.
thou - sand gen - er - a - tions pass; God's word con - tin - ues yet.
made the heav - ens and the earth; fear Him and give Him praise.
to the God of Is - ra - el for ev - er - last - ing days.

Text: Susan H. Peterson, 1999; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

+++New Arrivals, please wait in the Narthex to be seated.
Following the Confession of Sin, Ushers will assist you.+++

New Testament Reading—I Peter 4:12-19

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

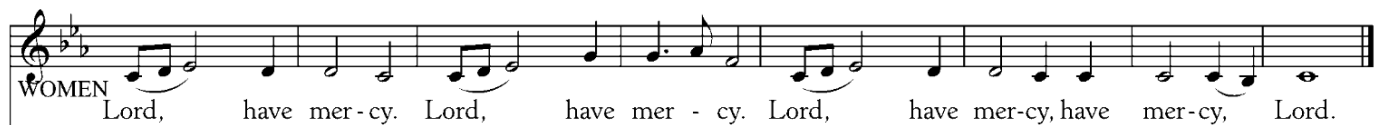
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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



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

Congregational Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 38

Leader: O Lord, rebuke us not in your anger, nor discipline us in your wrath!
For your arrows have sunk into us,

All: And your hand has come down on us.

Leader: There is no soundness in our flesh because of your indignation;

All: There is no health in our bones because of our sin.

Leader: For our iniquities have gone over our heads;

All: Like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us.

Leader: We are feeble and crushed; We groan because of the tumult of our hearts.
O Lord, all our longing is before you;

All: Our sighing is not hidden from you.

Leader: Our hearts throb; our strength fails,
and the light of our eyes—it also has gone from us.

All: We confess our iniquity; We are sorry for our sins.

Leader: Do not forsake us, O Lord! O our God, be not far from us!

All: Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation!

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 8:32-34

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

+++New Arrivals are Welcome to be Seated+++

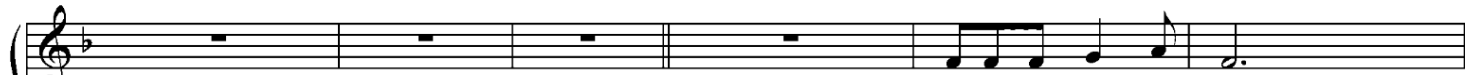
Hymn of Promise—Isaiah 43



When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you, And the waves will
 When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned. And the flames will



not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For I have re - deemed you. I have called you by
 not con - sume you. Do not fear. For I have re - deemed you. I have called you by



WOMEN

I am the Lord your God.



MEN

name, you are mine. For I am the Lord your God, I am the Lord your
 name, you are mine.



I am the Ho - ly one of Is - ra-el, Your Sav - ior.



God, I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra-el, Your Sav - ior. For I am the Lord your



I am the Lord your God, I am the Ho - ly one of Is - ra-el, Your Sav -



God, I am the Lord your God, I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra-el, Your Sav -



ior. Do not fear, Do not fear, Do not fear, Do not fear.



ior. I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord.

Text: Isaiah 43, Anonymous; Music: ANONYMOUS.

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Isaiah 50:4-11

The LORD GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;

he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The LORD GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,

and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the LORD GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the LORD GOD helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

¹¹Behold, all you who kindle a fire,

who equip yourselves with burning torches!

Walk by the light of your fire,

and by the torches that you have kindled!

This you have from my hand:

you shall lie down in torment.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—The Servant Songs of Isaiah, Pt 4

The Servant of the Lord: Obedient and Faithful to the End

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—Let Glory Be to God on High

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: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2018.

Profession of Faith—The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of Very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
and now sits on the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

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 79:8-13: Remember Not, O God



Re - mem - ber not, O God, The sins of long a - go;
O Lord, our Sav - ior, help, And glo - ri - fy Your Name;
Then, safe with - in Thy fold, We will ex - alt Your Name;




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O Lord, our Sav - ior, help, And glo - ri - fy Your Name;
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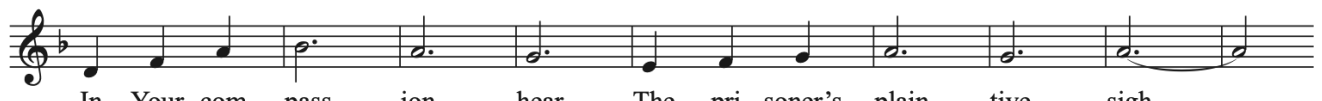


In ten - der mer - cy vis - it us, Dis - tressed and hum - bled low.
De - liv - er us from all our sins, And take a - way our shame. (to bridge)
Our thank - ful hearts with songs of joy Your good - ness will pro - claim.


BRIDGE



In Your com - pass - ion hear The pri - soner's plain - tive sigh,



In Your com - pass - ion hear The pri - soner's plain - tive sigh,



And in the great - ness of Your power Save those a - bout to die. (to vs 3)

CCLI #11121087 Text: Psalm 79 *The 1912 Psalter*; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2016; Bridge: Kirk Sauers & Paul Ranheim, 2023.

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*

Hymn of Communion—Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the tree!
 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like His?
 Ye who think of sin but light - ly, Nor sup - pose the e - vil great,
 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the re - fuge of the lost.

'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
 Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress:
 Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 Christ the Rock of our sal - va - tion, His the Name of which we boast.

'Tis the long ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Dav - id's Son, yet Dav - id's Lord;
 Man - y hands were raised to wound Him, None would in - ter - pose to save;
 Mark the Sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed! See Who bears the aw - ful load!
 Lamb of God for sin - ners wound - ed! Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

by his Son God now has spok - en: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 But the deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man, and Son of God.
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1804; Music: O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN, *Geistliche Volkslieder*, Paderborn, 1850.

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—Before the Throne of God Above

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair And tells me of the guilt with -
Be - hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea. A great high Priest whose Name is Love Who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, Up - ward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my
ness, The great un - change - a - ble I AM, The King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is grav - en on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died My sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace, One in Him - self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by His

heart. I know that while in Heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence de -
free. For God the just is sat - is - fied To look on Him and par - don
blood, My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Sav - ior and my

part. No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me. To look on Him and par - don me.
God! With Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

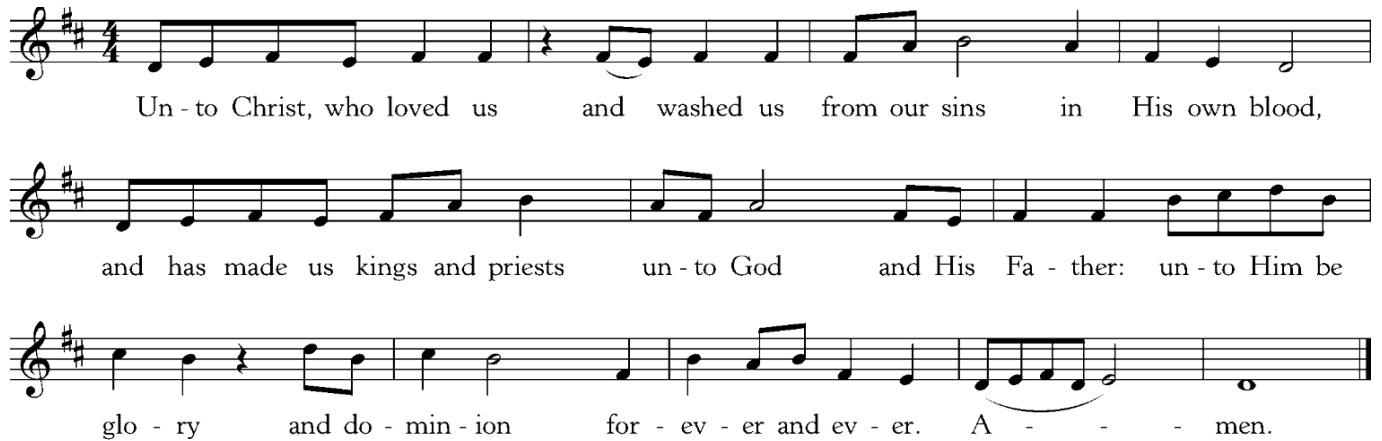
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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 I Peter 5:10-11

May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, 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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Missions Prayer—Brent and Valerie McAlpin and family are newly supported missionaries by Cornerstone. They serve with Mission to the World (MTW) in Leeds, England, in partnership with the International Presbyterian Church. Their desire is to see lives transformed by the gospel and new bodies of believers gather to worship God, to the praise of His glorious grace!

Please Pray:

- For the IPC Spring Getaway (April 2-5). We have over 250 people signed up to attend. Pray for logistics and fellowship.
- For a building— we need a long-term place to meet on Sunday morning as we've outgrown current space and it isn't ideal in other ways.
- For counseling and discipleship. Valerie and I both meet with folks. Please pray for wisdom and stamina for us in this work as well as for softened and healing hearts for those we meet with. Valerie will attend a counseling conference next week.

Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here!
We invite you to fill out a visitor form by scanning this QR code so that we may welcome you personally.
Alternatively, visitor cards are available at either entrance to the chapel
and can be placed in one of the offering boxes as you leave.



Focus on Church Ministry

Golf Tournament Fundraiser: May 13

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a Golf Tournament at the Franklin Bridge Golf Club on Monday, May 13, to support our youth mission team heading to Belize. Scan this QR code to sponsor a hole, play in the tournament, **or simply donate** (you can enter an amount on the form and leave the other fields blank). Thank you for helping our youth get to Belize!



Rekindled Fellowship

The Rekindled Ministry (ladies 55ish+ who live alone) is hosting a fellowship at the home of Laurie Mee this Saturday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m. Join us for tea and coffee—and bring a dozen small treats (muffins, cookies, candies, etc.) to swap and share if you are able! Get more details and sign up through the website or app.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Team meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. to lift the needs of the congregation to the throne of grace. You can submit prayer requests to prayer@cstonepres.org or come to the church to be prayed for in person. We invite everyone at Cornerstone to join us in prayer.

Cornerstone Youth—Nerf War

On Friday, March 22, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., the Cornerstone Youth are having a Nerf War! We'll roam the church, have team battles of all sorts, eat snacks, and have fun together. Nerf darts will be provided, but bring your own Nerf gun. Contact: drew@cstonepres.org
April 26-28: Spring Retreat at Deer Run. Register online.

Giving

There are boxes for tithes and alms at both entrances to the Chapel, or you may give safely and securely online through the website and app.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday: March 28, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday: March 29, 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. To ensure that we can accommodate everyone inside the Chapel and avoid using overflow space, *we are altering our Good Friday service schedule to offer two services at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.* We ask that you register online to let us know which service you plan to attend. Registration will begin on Wednesday. Contact: dan@cstonepres.org

Easter Sunday: March 31, 7:30, 9:00, & 10:45 a.m. We will also enjoy a time of fellowship outside in the churchyard from 8:45-10:45 a.m. (no Sunday School on Easter). Please bring a breakfast item to share. We have much to celebrate!

Literature Discussion

Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.: *A Lenten Pilgrimage through Poetry as Prayer*

Join Carolyn Weber as she leads a presentation of poems by Donne, Herbert, Rossetti, Hopkins, and more in association with Lent and Holy Week. There is no reading required before this particular event. Copies of the poems are available for free on the bookshelf. This event will be hosted in the Chapel. Contact: greg@cstonepres.org

Upcoming: Monday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.: *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry

Lent Devotional: Learning to Love like Christ

Our devotional booklet walks through the weeks of Lent with daily liturgies and brief reflections on the Psalms of Lament from many of your fellow Cornerstone members. Copies are available at either entrance to the Chapel.

Midweek at Cornerstone

Every Wednesday leading up to Holy Week we are gathering for Midweek. Join us for a fellowship dinner (starting at 5:15 p.m.) and stay for Youth Group, Kid's Club, Choir, and Vespers. Get more information and register for meals by joining our email list.

Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "Servant of the Lord: Obedient and Faithful to the End," is taken from Isaiah 50:4-11. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- Take a few minutes to examine your listening habits. What caught your ear this week? How did what you listened to this week affect your soul? Could your weekly listening habits be negatively impacting your walk with the Lord?
- Isaiah tells us the Servant of the Lord has an "awakened" ear that is well taught (vs. 4-5). What does this mean? Why is this good news for us?
- The Servant of the Lord also has a tongue that can sustain the weary with words. Where do we see Jesus Christ modeling this in the New Testament? How would you like to grow in this way?
- Did Jesus Christ's wisdom in both listening and speaking prepare him to suffer on our behalf (see v. 6)? Take a few minutes to reflect on this.
- Where did Jesus Christ's confidence come from in this text (see vs. 7-9)? Is this a confidence that we, too, can share?
- Reflecting on vs. 10-11, how might you be trying to walk by your own light rather than by faith in the name of the Lord? What would repentance look like?

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