

CORNERSTONE Presbyterian Church



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal *Resurrection Sunday* 09 April 2023

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone family,

We are delighted to have you with us on this glorious Easter morn. Our prayer is that through today's worship service, you will encounter by faith the risen Savior and come to know the power of his resurrection (Philippians 3:10). To that end, take a few minutes now to thumb through the worship bulletin, orienting yourself to the service. Then, come back here to meditate on the quotes below, reflecting on the significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"On the third day the friends of Christ coming at daybreak to the place found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways, they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but of the dawn."—G.K. Chesterton

"Neutrality is not an option. Either Jesus rose and rightly demands your attention, repentance, trust, and obedience, or he stayed dead. If he only became a rotting corpse why should you follow him?"—John MacArthur

"The resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the foundation stones of Christianity. It was the seal of the great work that he came on earth to do. It was the crowning proof that the ransom he paid for sinners was accepted, the atonement for sin accomplished, the head of him who had the power of death bruised, and the victory won."—J.C. Ryle

"The resurrection means not merely that Christians have a hope *for* the future but that they have hope that comes *from* the future. The Bible's startling message is that when Jesus rose, he brought the future kingdom of God into the present. It is not yet here fully but it is here substantially, and Christians live an impoverished life if they do not realize what is available to them."—Timothy Keller

"It is a simple fact that throughout the history of the church, the single most important witness to the resurrection of Jesus has been the witness of the risen Christ within the heart of the believer!"—Robert Stein

Having prepared our hearts, let's approach the throne of grace and worship God together.

Your servant,

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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.

Choral Prelude—Christ is Risen

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

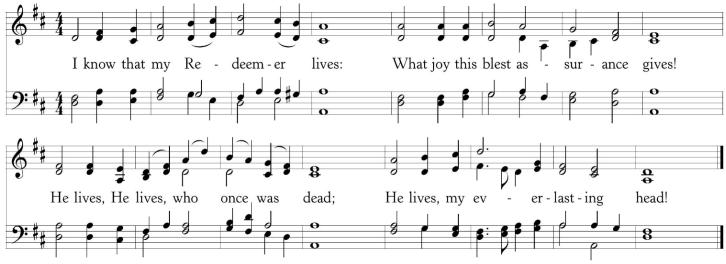
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Announcements, and Preparation

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—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I



Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

Call to Worship—Romans I:3-5; Job 19:25

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: For Jesus Christ our Lord is declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead—through whom we have received grace.

All: I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!



Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica, 1708.

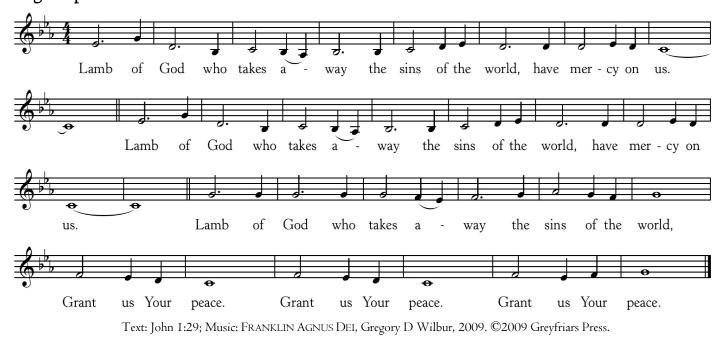
New Testament Reading—Luke 24:I-I2

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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—Lamb of God

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

Leader: Lord, we come in prayer confessing. Christ is proclaimed as risen from the dead.

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

Leader: 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.

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

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

Leader: 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.

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

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

Leader: 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—II 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—Christ the Lord Is Risen Again



Text: Michael Weisse, c. 1480-1534, Tr Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78; Music: CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN, German Carol, 12th century.

The Reading of the Word—Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades; All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—The Family of God: A Study in Ephesians, part 7

The Gift of Salvation

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—Let Glory Be to God



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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.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places



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Pascha Nostrum—I Corinthians 5:7-8, Romans 6:9-11

Pastor: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

All: therefore let us keep the feast.

Pastor: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;

All: death no longer has dominion over him.

Pastor: For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,

- All: but the life he lives he lives to God.
- Pastor: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
- All: and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.

Hymn of Reflection—How Deep the Father's Love for Us



Hymn of Promise—What Wondrous Love is This



Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, Southern Harmony, 1835.

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—Christ Is Risen! Hallelujah!



Text: James S.B. Monsell, 1863; Music: FOUNT OF GLORY, R.W. Thompson, 1864, Adapted GDW. ©2010 Greyfriars Press

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

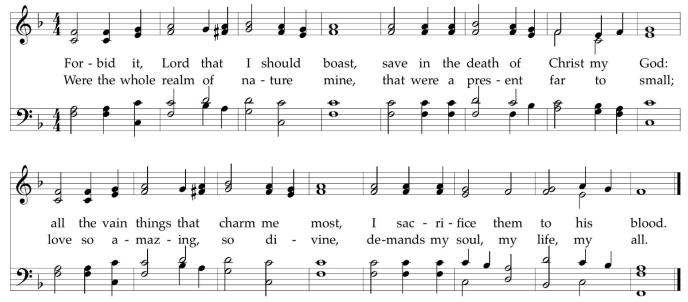
After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Revelation 5:11-12

Pastor : I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Sung Response—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Vs 2 & 4



Text: Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709; Music: HAMBURG, Gregorian Chant, Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824.

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

Vacation Bible School – "The Wind and the Waves"

Mark your calendars for May 30 - June 2 for VBS! We will gather in the evenings at Jim Warren Park and need all of our Cornerstone family to help before, during, and after VBS. Go to the church website or app now to view all the ways you can serve, from praying to dropping off snacks to leading a group of our covenant kids that week. Please check it out and choose a way to be involved. Registration for children coming soon!

Deeper Together: in Friendship

All Cornerstone Women, 7th grade and up, are invited to come to Cornerstone on Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of food and fellowship. Please let us know you're coming by registering through the website or app.

Servant Group International – Walk and Talk

Walk and Talk is a ministry of SGI that exists to connect American women with at least one refugee friend. It's a short program, so the commitment is very doable, and includes a training meeting (April II) and two Saturday morning strolls (May 6 & 13) in a Nashville park. To find more information or register, visit www.servantgroup.org. Contact Robin Dillard: robin@servantgroup.org

Mission Trip to Belize

Oaks of Righteousness is hosting an informational call on Monday, April 10 at 8:00 p.m. for anyone who is interested in joining their annual mission trip to Belize on January 24-30, 2024. To learn more or register for the call, contact Lindsey Elliot at lindsey@oaksofhope.org or scan the QR code.



Officer Election

The elders of Cornerstone unanimously approved the recommendation of Mr. Mark Mitchell for election to the office of deacon. Mr. Mitchell was nominated for office during our 2022 nomination cycle. He has been examined in the areas of Christian character, the Bible, the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, the Book of Church Order, and the qualifications for church office. An election will be held on Sunday, April 16 at 9:45 a.m. in The Chapel. All communing members are eligible to vote and are strongly encouraged to participate in the election.

The Cornerstone School of Discipleship

The Doctrines of Grace: Exploring the Five Points of Calvinism

In this five week course, we will wrestle together with the Bible's teaching on some often debated questions like, "Does God really choose people for salvation? Did Christ really die for everyone? Can we really be assured of our salvation if we must persevere to the end?" Do not miss out on this opportunity to plumb the depth of these important topics! Class begins at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 23 in The Chapel. Come join us!

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with coffee cups, glasses, and sweaters. It's located in the top drawer of the entry table right outside the side entrance to The Chapel. Please stop by and check for your belongings.

Cornerstone Youth

We will be back at Cornerstone this Wednesday, April 12, 6:00–8:00 p.m. for Youth Group. Then on Wednesday, April 19, we will meet at Pinkerton Park, 6:00–8:00 p.m. All 7th–12th graders are encouraged to join in. Dinner provided!

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