

CORNERSTONE

Presbyterian Church



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL Second Sunday of Easter 28 April 2019

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 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.

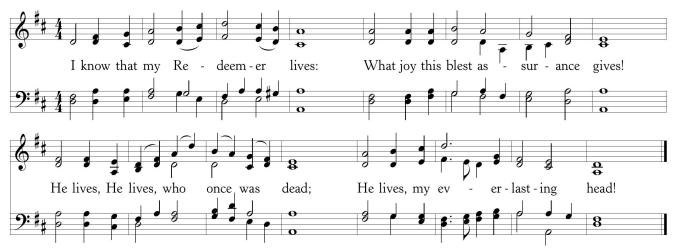
This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I



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

Call to Worship—Psalm 84:8-12

Pastor: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

All: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

Pastor: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Pastor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

All: No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Pastor: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!



Hymn of Praise—How Firm a Foundation



Text: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody

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

New Testament Reading—Philippians 3:7-11

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

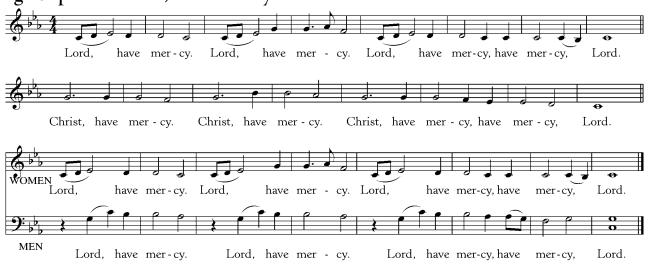
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Ephesians 2:I-7 & Romans 6:I2-I4

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We once walked in the path of this world following the pattern of it and the spirit of the age.

All: And we were dead in trespasses and sins.

Pastor: We all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the desires of the mind.

All: We were by nature children of wrath like the rest of mankind.

Pastor: But You, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which You loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses,

All: You made us alive together with Christ.

Pastor: By grace You saved us and raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Him.

All: In the coming ages You will show the immeasurable riches of Your grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Give us the grace and faith to not let sin reign in our mortal bodies, to not obey its passions.

All: Help us not to present ourselves to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but to present ourselves to You as those who have been brought from death to life.

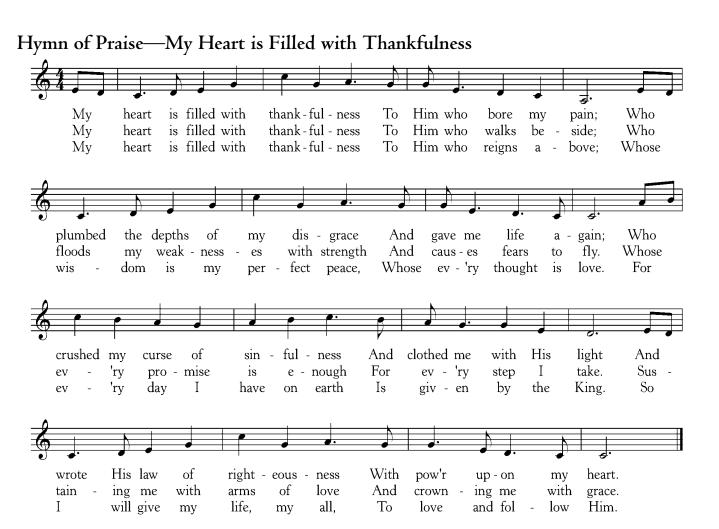
Pastor: We desire to present ourselves to You as instruments for righteousness, for sin will have no dominion over us since we are not under law but under grace.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from I Peter 1:18-21

Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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



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The Reading of the Word—Genesis 32:22-32

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

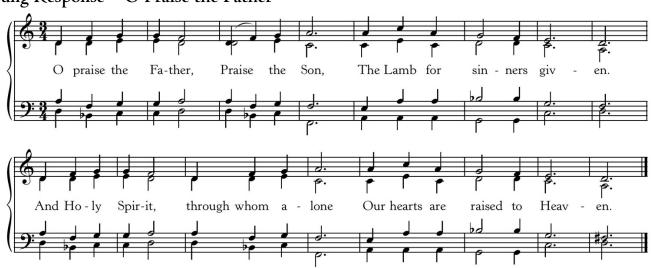
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, Part 42

A Crippling Victory

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—O Praise the Father



Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

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.

Sung Response—Sanctus



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^{* &}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.

Psalm of the Month—Psalm 41: How Blest the Man



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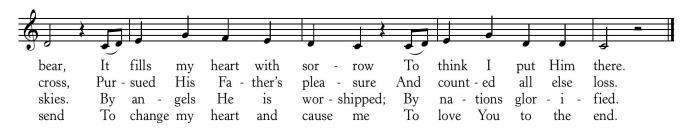
Hymn of Communion—There Is No Greater Portrait



There is no great-er por - trait Of love and sac - ri - fice Than Je - sus leav - ing He ran the race be-fore Him Though it was filled with pain, And walked the road to The Son of Man was lift - ed Be - fore cre - a - tion's eyes; Was mocked and scorned by O Sav-ior, let this sin - ner Be ran-somed by the flood Of mer - cy and for-



glo - ry And lay - ing down His life. When I look on the suf-fer-ings My Sav - ior chose to glo - ry In a - go - ny and shame. Then for the joy be-fore Him, He chose to bear the sol - diers, By kings and priests de - spised. But now the Son is ris - en, As - cend - ed to the give - ness A - bun - dant in Your blood. O Lord, be my sal - va - tion, Your Ho - ly Spir - it



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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

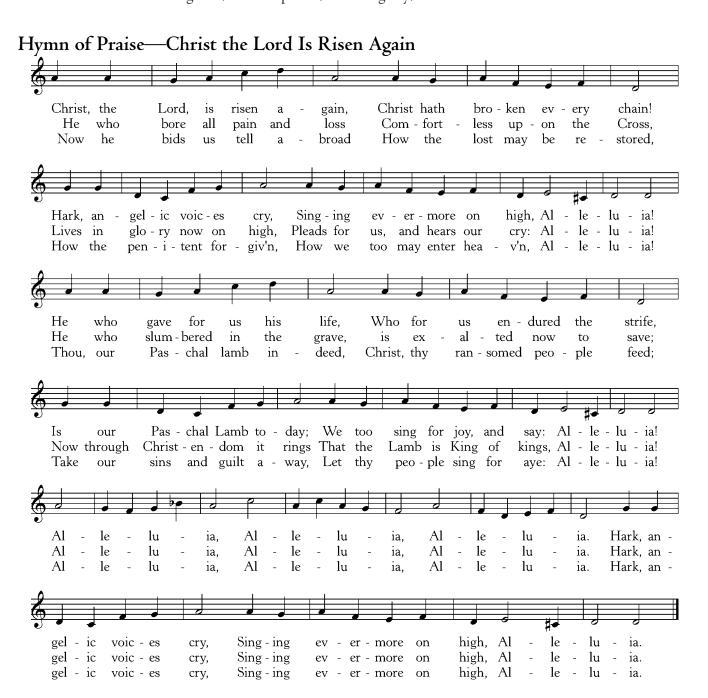
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

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.



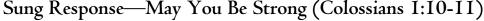
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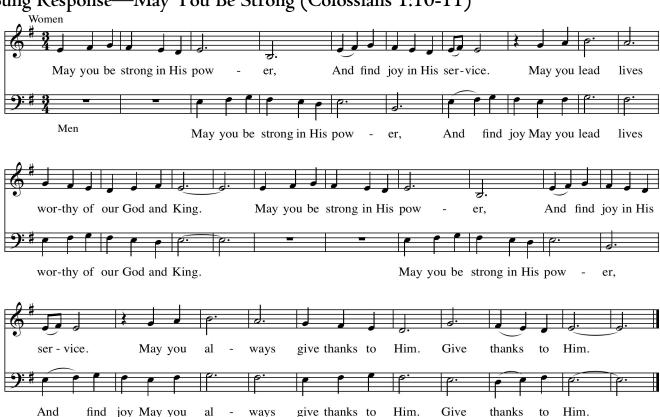
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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 Colossians 3:I-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Amen.





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Prayer Focus— David Carrera is a church planter and senior pastor of Beth Sar Shalom Reformed Church (BSSRC) in Shelbyville, TN that serves the Hispanic community in the area. BSSRC recently moved into a new location which is allowing additional ministries to be added to its ministry to include the production of a local Spanish radio program using the teaching material of Dr. R. C. Sproul. David has requested that Cornerstone pray in the following areas:

- Pray for wisdom and understanding to better guide God's people in the Shelbyville area.
- Pray for more physical strength for David to do the things that the ministry demands.
- Pray for David's wife, Graciela, and her work with the Sunday School ministry.
- Pray for daughter, Melissa, and her work in Southwest, son, David Jr, and his work at BSSRC and son, Jonathan, in his last year at the University of Memphis.

Tithes and Offerings

Tithe boxes are located at the chapel entrances to receive tithes and offerings—part of our act of worship and service. Please make your checks payable to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church.

Today's message, "A Crippling Victory" is taken from Genesis 32:22-32. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- I. What parallels or connections do you see between Jacob's dream in Genesis 28:10-22 and Jacob's wrestling with God in Genesis 32:22-32?
- 2. Take a few moments to review the twists and turns of Jacob's life. Then, count the different ways that Jacob's whole life has been a "wrestling match" of one kind or another.
- 3. What does Jacob's name being changed to Israel indicate?
- 4. Bruce Waltke writes, "When we stop wrestling with God and start clinging to him, we discover that he has been there for our good, to bless us." How has that been true in your life?
- 5. In what way are you in a wrestling match with God presently? What would it mean for you to stop striving but instead prayerfully cling to God for blessing?
- 6. How is the "crippling victory" of the gospel the Christian's comfort and call (see Phil. 2:5-II, 3:7-II; 2 Cor. I2:I0)?

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