

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Fifth Sunday of Easter

03 May 2015

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

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: "I know that my Re - deem - er lives: What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!" The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the Soprano and Alto parts.

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blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, He lives, who
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing head!

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 95:1-6

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

All: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Hymn of Praise—Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his
Praise him for his grace and fa - vor, to our
Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
fa - thers in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for -
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
hold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him,
ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless; praise him,
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes; praise him,
fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space, praise him,

praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Text: From Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834; Music: PRAISE MY SOUL, John Goss, 1869.

Hymn of Praise—All People that on Earth Do Dwell



All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 The Lord ye know is God in - deed; With -
 O en - ter then his gates with praise, Ap -
 For why? the Lord our God is good, His

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
 out our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he
 proach with joy his courts un - to; Praise, laud, and bless his
 mer - cy is for ev - er sure; His truth at all times

praise forth - tell come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, And shall from age to age en - dure.

Text: Psalm 100 William Kethe 1561; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

(Please be seated)

New Testament Reading—John 5:30-47

30 “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. 31 If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. 32 There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. 33 You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. 34 Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. 35 He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36 But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. 37 And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, 38 and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from people.

42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

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—Come, O Redeemer, Come



Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.



Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on II Timothy 4:1-5

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing, Before Your presence and of Christ Jesus
who will judge the living and the dead and by His appearing and His kingdom,
we are called to proclaim the Word.

All: We confess that we are not prepared and ready to do so in season and out of season.

Pastor: Instead of reproof, rebuking, and exhorting with patience,
too often we are tempted to excuse, ignore
or avoid bringing Your Word to bear in our lives and other's lives.

All: Too often we do not want to endure sound teaching,
but would rather satisfy our itching ears with teachers that suit our own passions.

Pastor: Instead of listening to the truth, we turn away and wander into myths
instead of be challenged by Your Word.

All: Give us a heart to be sober-minded, to endure suffering,
to work towards proclaiming the truth of the Gospel
and to fulfill our calling.

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.

Hymn of Praise—Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Je - sus, thou Joy of Lov - ing hearts, Thou Fount of
Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; Thou sav - est
We taste thee, O thou liv - ing Bread, And long to
Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, Where - 'er our
O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; Make all our

life, thou Light of men, From the best bliss
those that on thee call; To them that seek
feast up - on thee still; We drink of thee,
change - ful lot is cast; Glad, when thy grac -
mo - ments calm and bright; Chase the dark night

that earth im - parts We turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
the Foun - tain - head, And thirst our souls from thee to fill.
ious smile we see, Blest, when our faith can hold thee fast.
of sin a - way, Shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light

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

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Luke 24:28-35

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Elder: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 100

Open Eyes, Burning Hearts

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

Sung Response—Sanctus

WOMEN
MEN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.

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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

Church Planting Report—Ryan Doyle, Mercy Fellowship

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—O Love of God

O love of God, how strong and true! E - te - rnal, and yet ev - er
O heaven - ly love, how pre - cious still, In days of wear - i - ness and
We read thee best in Him who came To bear for us the cross of
O love of God, how strong and true! E - te - rnal, and yet ev - er

new; Un - com - pre - hend - ed and un - bought, Be - yond all know - ledge and all
ill; In nights of pain and help - less - ness, To heal, to com - fort, and to
shame; Sent by the Fa - ther from on high, Our life to live, our death to
new; Un - com - pre - hend - ed and un - bought, Be - yond all know - ledge and all

thought. O love of God, how deep and great! Far deep - er than man's deep - est
bless! O wide em - brac - ing, won - drous love! We read thee in the sky a -
die. We read thy power to bless and save, E'en in the dark - ness of the
thought. O love of God, our shield and stay Through all the per - ils of our

hate; Self fed, self kin - dled, like the light, Change - less, e - te - rnal, in - fi - nite.
bove, We read thee in the earth be - low, In seas that swell, and streams that flow.
grave; Still more in res - ur - rec - tion light, We read the full - ness of thy might.
way! E - ter - nal love, in thee we rest For - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest.

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Hymn of Communion—Bread of Heaven

Bread of hea - ven Fill me, now And I will hun - ger no more

9 Bread of hea - ven Fill me, now And I will be re - stored Nev - er

17 hun - gry Nev - er thirs - ty Nev - er want - ing more Bread of

25 hea - ven Fill me, now And I will be re - stored

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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.

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.

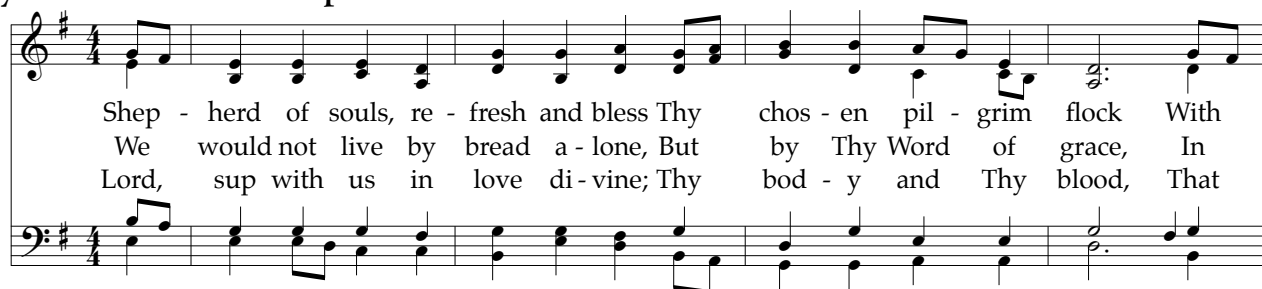
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

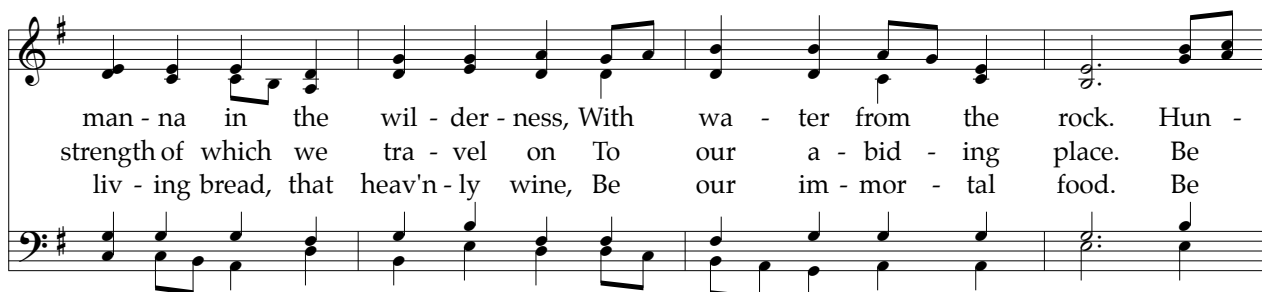
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

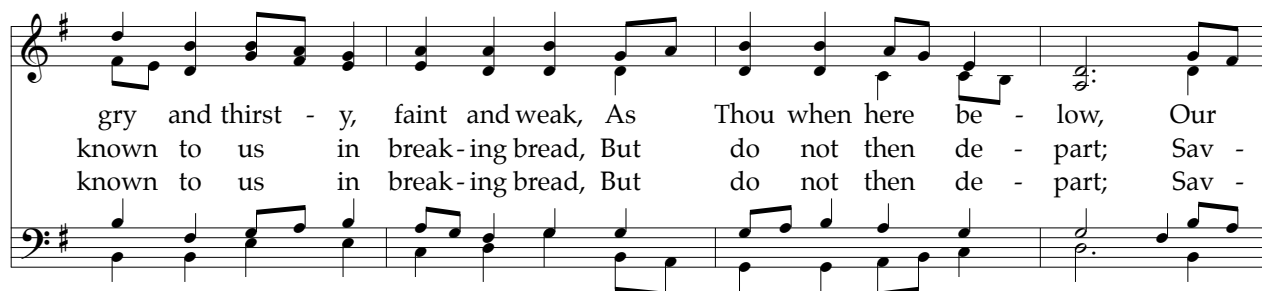
Hymn of Praise—Shepherd of Souls



Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless Thy chos - en pil - grim flock With
We would not live by bread a - lone, But by Thy Word of grace, In
Lord, sup with us in love di - vine; Thy bod - y and Thy blood, That



man - na in the wil - der - ness, With wa - ter from the rock. Hun -
strength of which we tra - vel on To our a - bid - ing place. Be
liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food. Be



gry and thirst - y, faint and weak, As Thou when here be - low, Our
known to us in break - ing bread, But do not then de - part; Sav -
known to us in break - ing bread, But do not then de - part; Sav -



souls the joys ce - lest - ial seek Which from Thy sor - rows flow.
ior, a - bide with us, and spread Thy ta - ble in our heart.
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Text: James Montgomery, 1835; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Tune.

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—Acts 20:32

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)

The Lord bless you and keep__ you. The Lord make His face shine up - on__ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The
Lord be gra - cious to__ you. The Lord turn His face__ to - ward__ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND EPIPHANY

God built within His people an innate desire to celebrate, to mark seasons and events, to set up “stones of remembrance” so that we do not forget His goodness and promises. One method that the Church has used over time is dividing each year according to the events in the life of Christ—a reminder of redemptive history. Although the Church Calendar is not prescribed by Scripture, it can be a useful framework or tool to help walk our hearts through the Gospel every year.

The major divisions of the liturgical year are:

- **Advent**—The four Sundays leading to Christmas; preparation for the coming of Christ and the need for a Savior
- **Christmas** and the Twelve Days—Celebration of the Incarnation and the Gift of Christ, our Redeemer
- **Epiphany**—January 6; Coming of the Magi for Christ is the Light of the World; Hope for the Gentiles; Kingship of Christ
- **Lent**—from Ash Wednesday to Easter; repentance and reflection; recognition that our sinfulness leads to the cross; intentional time to exercise the disciplines of grace
- **Holy Week**—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday; Jesus as King, Priest, Prophet; The remembrance that the shedding of blood was necessary for the forgiveness of sins
- **Easter**—Resurrection of the Living Lord; the conquering of death and sin
- **Ascension**—Christ in Power at the right hand of the Father; Christ interceding as the Mediator
- **Pentecost**—Coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church; God sends out His people as the Church
- **Ordinary Time**—The weeks between Pentecost and Advent; Living in light of the Gospel as the Church

We are returning to Luke 24 this morning to consider Jesus appearing to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. The questions below are designed to assist you in better understanding and applying the passage. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family or home fellowship group.

- What is the significance of Jesus being revealed to the disciples in the breaking of the bread? Where else in the Scripture have you heard the sentence, "...he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them"?
- What does it mean for the heart to "...burn within you" (v.32)? What significance do you see that this experience happens alongside the opening of the Scripture?
- After meeting with the risen Jesus, the disciples reversed their direction and headed back to Jerusalem (v. 33). What does this change in direction teach us?
- How does the whole road to Emmaus experience provide a cameo portrait of true Christian discipleship and mission?

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