



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Fourth Sunday of Easter

08 May 2022

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

As we remember and honor our mothers today, I found this beautifully written, recently published piece by our very own Katie Patton particularly meaningful. I trust you will as well.

I'm not the kind of person who always wants a baby. As a child, I didn't "play house." As a teen, I didn't babysit other people's children, and I didn't enjoy my mom signing me up for nursery duty at church. The blessedness of bearing and raising children is more a belief that has grown in me with my faith than it is a primal urge I have. Hearing Mary's Magnificat in a liturgical context has enforced this belief: "you have lifted up the lowly." This is the trajectory of Christ's incarnate life and the life of every believer and the life of the world. From death unto life. Beauty from ashes. A mother is one of the lowly ones. The mother of God saw herself this way. A friend pointed out the obvious symbolism of a woman's forty weeks carrying her child and the forty days and nights of rain to cleanse the earth in the Flood, Israel's forty years of wandering in the wilderness and Christ's forty days of temptation in the desert. The forty days of Lent bring us to Easter. These are times of suffering and trial on the way toward redemption.

We are all called to share in Christ's sufferings—even to "fill up what is lacking" in them. I have no idea what this means. I believe, however, that it will lead to blessing and redemption, following the pattern Christ's sufferings did. More particularly, Christ suffered in order to welcome the lowly, to welcome sinners as sons and daughters to the joyful presence of God, and to give them a Home. Women, as mothers, follow this pattern as well. Our very first home, for every one of us who has ever lived, was our mother's womb. We were welcomed there, nourished and cared for from her very body. There is much sweet sentiment (rightly so) surrounding motherhood, but make no mistake, this welcoming, this hospitality, is one of suffering. Whether an easy pregnancy or not, whether a smooth delivery or not, whether healthy, whole children or not, these lowly mothers are required to lay down their lives for the world. They don't do so because they are brave or saintly or good—often, they are afraid and sad and despairing. But "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Some women cannot conceive. Some have one, two, or ten children. Some have lost children. Some, like me, find themselves unexpectedly expecting at the very tail-end of their child-bearing years. None of what I say above calls any of those women better or worse than the others. To marvel at what God has done with "woman-as-mother" is not to deny the fruit He will bring from the suffering of childlessness or loss. Woman-as-mother shows us, all of mankind, how to welcome the lowly in many ways, from adopting, to fostering, to working with refugees, to opening our homes to guests, to serving in the church nursery, to ministering to the homeless or those with disabilities, to even offering "a cup of cold water" in His name. The list is endless. The opportunities for suffering seem endless as well, but they are only a gateway to blessing. The suffering is NOT endless, but the joy is. We look "unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." As we lay down our lives for the lowly, we, the lowly, will be lifted up with them.

Your servant,



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.

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—I Know that My Redeemer Lives, Vs I

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!

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

Call to Worship—from Psalm 96:I-6

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

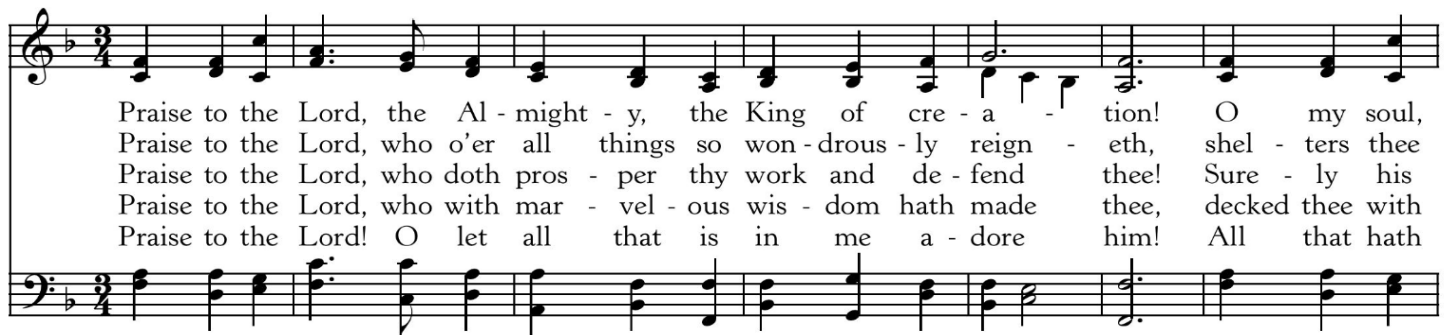
Pastor: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

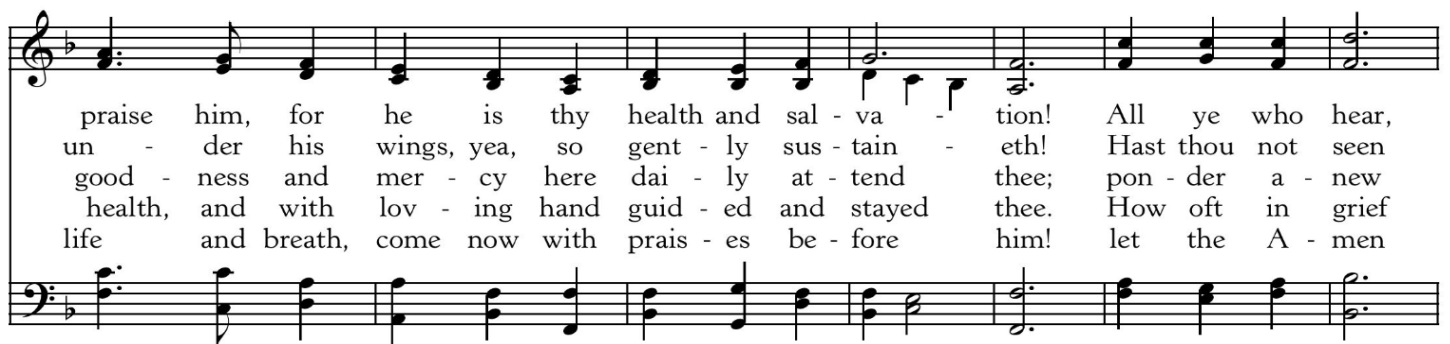
Pastor: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Hymn of Praise—Praise to the Lord



Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth, shel - ters thee
Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee! Sure - ly his
Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made thee, decked thee with
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath



praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,
un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen
good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new
health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief
life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him! let the A - men



now to his tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
how thy de - sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
what the Al - might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
hath not he brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Text: Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680, Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863;
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665, Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668.

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 115:1-II

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

²Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”

³Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

⁴Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

⁵They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.

⁶They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.

⁷They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.

⁸Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

⁹O Israel, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.

¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.

¹¹You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.

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

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating where a single note spans multiple syllables.

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world,

Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Text: John 1:29; Music: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 81:6-9, 11-14, 16

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Like the people of Israel,
You relieved our shoulders of our burden. You freed our hands.

All: In distress we called, and You delivered us.
You answered our prayers.

Pastor: You call us to hear You as You admonish us,
but we are slow to listen.

All: There are strange gods among us.
We bow to the idols in our hearts.

Pastor: Would that we would listen to Your voice;
that we would submit to You.

All: You give us over to our stubborn hearts
to follow our own counsels.

Pastor: Oh that we would listen to You and walk in Your ways.

All: Subdue our enemies;
subdue our hearts and thoughts to conform to Your desires.

Pastor: Feed us with the finest wheat and satisfy us with honey from the rock.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Psalm 89:I-18: We Will Sing Your Love Forever

We will sing Your love for - ev - er, We will tell Your faith - ful - ness; From the
Faith - ful - ness and might sur - round You And You rule the rag - ing sea, Yours the
All our strength is by Your glor - y For ex - alt - ed is Your Name. As the
Faith - ful - ness and love be - fore You, Just and right - eous is Your throne. Yours the

throne of Da - vid's off - spring You've es - tab - lished right-eous-ness. Let the
world, for You have found - ed North and south and all be - tween. You ex -
Ho - ly One of Is - rael Shouts of joy to You we raise. Bless the
king - dom and the glo - ry, All the strength is Yours a - lone. We will

heav - ens sound their praise; let the heav - ens sound their praise; let the
tend Your might - y arm, You ex - tend Your might - y arm, You ex -
Lord for - ev - er - more; Bless the Lord for - ev - er - more; Bless the
shout Your glo - ri - ous name; We will shout Your glo - ri - ous name; We will

heav - ens sound their praise; "Great and might - y is His name!"
tend Your might - y arm, Strong to save, to keep from harm.
Lord for - ev - er - more. Spread His praise from shore to shore.
shout Your glo - ri - ous name; from e - ter - ni - ty the same.

Text and Music: Gregory D Wilbur, 2020.

Recognition of Seniors

High School:

Cooper Coughlin, McKinley Johnston, Claire McClung, Rosalyn Shurden, & Eleanor Wilbur

College:

Faith Gulliver, Abigail Hicks, & Mark McConathy

The Reading of the Word—Exodus 7:14-24, 10:21-29 & 12:29-32

The First Plague: Water Turned to Blood

¹⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. ¹⁶And you shall say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, “Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness.” But so far, you have not obeyed. ¹⁷Thus says the LORD, “By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. ¹⁸The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile.”’” ¹⁹And the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.’”

²⁰Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. ²¹And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. ²²But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. ²³Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. ²⁴And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the Nile.

The Ninth Plague: Darkness (Ex 10:21-19)

²¹Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt.” ²²So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. ²³They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived. ²⁴Then Pharaoh called Moses and said, “Go, serve the LORD; your little ones also may go with you; only let your flocks and your herds remain behind.” ²⁵But Moses said, “You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. ²⁶Our livestock also must go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind, for we must take of them to serve the LORD our God, and we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.” ²⁷But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let them go. ²⁸Then Pharaoh said to him, “Get away from me; take care never to see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die.” ²⁹Moses said, “As you say! I will not see your face again.”

The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn (Ex 12:29-32)

²⁹At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. ³¹Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. ³²Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!”

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—Delivered: A Study in Exodus, part I3

There is No God like The LORD

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Plague	Scripture	Instrument	Warning	Egyptian god	Pharaoh's response
First cycle					
1 Nile turned to blood	7:14-25	Staff of Aaron	"Go to Pharaoh in the morning" (7:15)	Hapi (Apis), god of the Nile Isis, goddess of the Nile Khnum, guardian of the Nile	Remained hard hearted, would not listen (7:22)
2 Frogs	8:1-15	Staff of Aaron	"Go in to Pharaoh" (8:1)	Heqet, goddess of birth	Begs relief and promises freedom (8:8); hardens his heart, would not listen (8:15)
3 Gnats	8:16-19	Staff of Aaron	No warning	Set, god of the desert	Magicians – "This is the finger of God" (8:19) Pharaoh's heart was hardened, would not listen (8:19)
Second cycle					
4 Flies	8:20-32		"... in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh" (8:20)	Ra, a sun god Uatchit, represented by a fly	Bargains (8:28), but hardens his heart (8:32)
5 Death of livestock	9:1-7		"Go in to Pharaoh" (9:1)	Hathor, goddess with a cow head Apis, the bull god, symbol of fertility	Heart was hardened (9:7)
6 Boils	9:8-12		No warning	Sekhmet, goddess with power over disease Sunu, the pestilence god Isis, goddess of healing	God hardens his heart, Pharaoh would not listen (9:8)
Third cycle					
7 Hail	9:13-35	Staff of Moses	"...in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh" (9:13)	Nut, the sky goddess Osiris, god of crops and fertility Set, god of storms	Begs relief (9:27), promises freedom (9:28), but his heart was hardened (9:35)
8 Locusts	10:1-20	Staff of Moses	"Go in to Pharaoh" (10:1)	Nut, the sky goddess Osiris, god of crops and fertility	Bargains (10:11), begs relief (10:17), God hardens his heart (10:20)
9 Darkness	10:21-29	Hand of Moses	No warning	Ra, the sun god Nut, a sky goddess Hathor, a sky goddess	Bargains (10:24), God hardens his heart (10:27)
Final plague					
10 Death of the firstborn	11:1-12:32		No warning	Pharaoh's firstborn son, a god	Pharaoh and Egyptians beg Israel to leave Egypt (12:31-32)

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.

And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.

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.

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

Sung Response—Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,
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.
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
Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho

high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.
san - nah in the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est. A - men.

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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

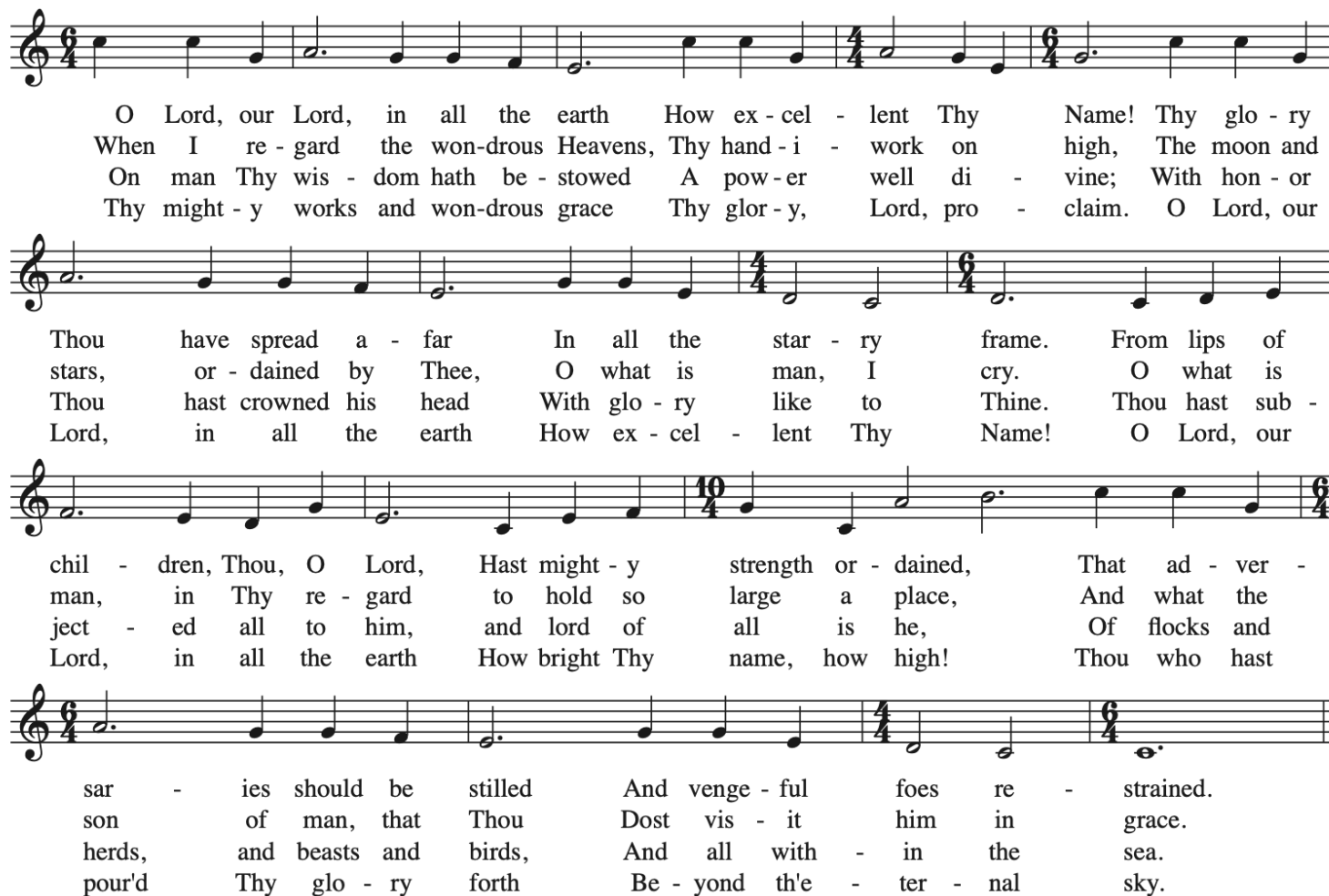
Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

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 8: O Lord, Our Lord, in All the Earth



O Lord, our Lord, in all the earth How ex - cel - lent Thy Name! Thy glo - ry
When I re - gard the won-drous Heavens, Thy hand - i - work on high, The moon and
On man Thy wis - dom hath be - stowed A pow - er well di - vine; With hon - or
Thy might - y works and won-drous grace Thy glor - y, Lord, pro - claim. O Lord, our
Thou have spread a - far In all the star - ry frame. From lips of
stars, or - dained by Thee, O what is man, I cry. O what is
Thou hast crowned his head With glo - ry like to Thine. Thou hast sub -
Lord, in all the earth How ex - cel - lent Thy Name! O Lord, our
chil - dren, Thou, O Lord, Hast might - y strength or - dained, That ad - ver -
man, in Thy re - gard to hold so large a place, And what the
ject - ed all to him, and lord of all is he, Of flocks and
Lord, in all the earth How bright Thy name, how high! Thou who hast
sar - ies should be stilled And venge - ful foes re - strained.
son of man, that Thou Dost vis - it him in grace.
herds, and beasts and birds, And all with - in the sea.
pour'd Thy glo - ry forth Be - yond th'e - ter - nal sky.

Text: 1912 Psalter; Keble Psalter Ed. Noah Aikens Music: COSMIC SANCTUARY, Noah Aikens

Hymn of Communion—Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er There is no more for heav - en now to
 The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en For by my side, the sav - iour He will
 No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en The fu - ture sure, the price it has been
 With ev - ery breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For He has said that He will bring me

give He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less
 stay I la - bour on in weak - ess and re - joic - ing For in my need, His pow - er is dis -
 paid For Je - sus bled and suff - ered for my par - don And He was raised to o - ver - throw the
 home And day by day I know He will re - new me Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the

peace To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus For my life is whol - ly bound to
 played To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me Through the deep - est val - ley He will
 grave To this I hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed Je - sus now and ev - er is my
 throne To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus All the glo - ry ev - er - more to

His Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing, "All is mine" Yet not I, but through Christ in me
 lead Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come yet not I, but through Christ in me
 plea Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing, "I am free" Yet not I, but through Christ in me
 Him When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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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.

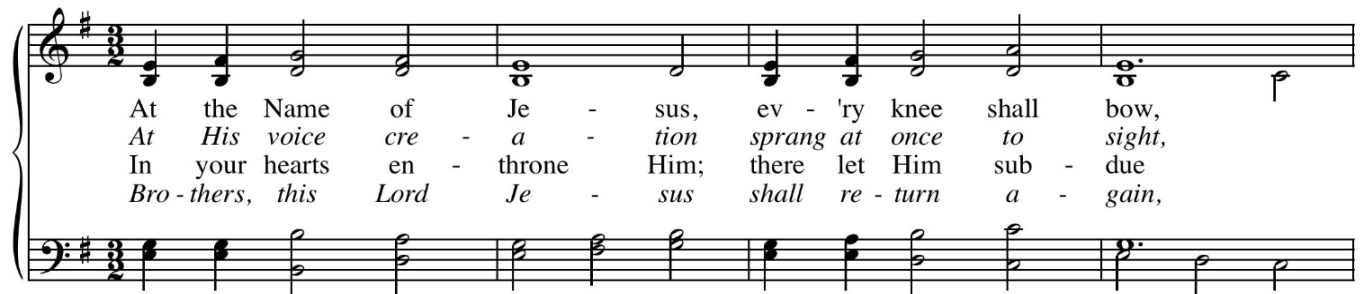
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

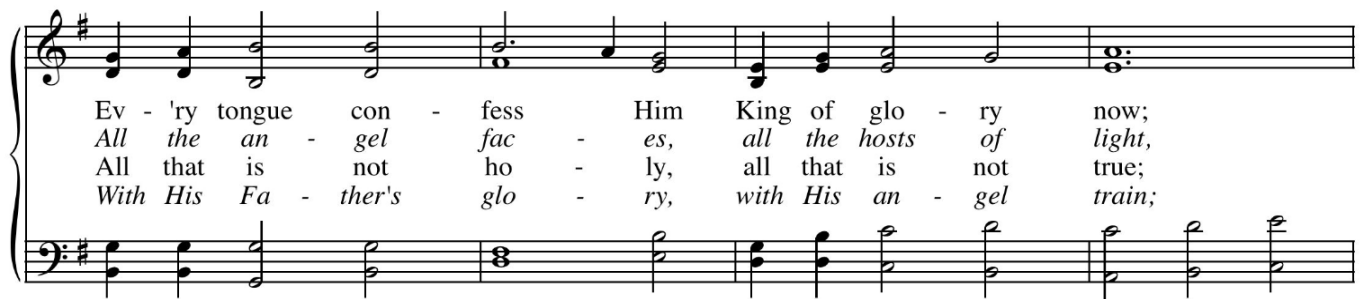
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

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

Hymn of Praise—At the Name of Jesus



At the Name of Je - sus, ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
At His voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
In your hearts en - throne Him; there let Him sub - due
Bro - thers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now;
All the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
All that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
With His Fa - ther's glo - ry, with His an - gel train;



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call Him Lord,
Thrones and dom - in - a - tions, stars up - on their way,
Crown Him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
For all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on His brow,



Who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
All the heav'n - ly or - ders, in their great ar - ray.
Let His will en - fold you in its light and power.
And our hearts con - fess Him King of glo - - - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1870; Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925.

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—based on Joel 2:26-27

The LORD says to His people: “May you eat in plenty and be satisfied,
may you praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else.
And you shall never again be put to shame.” *Amen*

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (*from St. Patrick’s Breastplate*)

Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me, Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in dan-ger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: *Atomriug indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95;

Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

Missions Prayer Focus—Richie Sessions is currently the RUF campus minister at Vanderbilt University, reaching students for Christ and equipping them to serve. This is done in large and small groups, as well as one-on-one meetings through Richie and his servant leadership team. Pray for:

- -Students as they leave for summer. Many are going home or working. Pray that they’ll have a good community and find a church.
- -Nashville Summer RUF June-July. For the gospel preached, leaders, and students to feel welcomed.
- -Our interns—Blair and Maria as they transition to new jobs, Spencer as he leads summer RUF and raises support.
- -Caroline Marshall, our new intern, is graduating from UVA and coming to Nashville. Pray that she will raise support, find a place to live and begin building community here.

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

The Cornerstone School of Discipleship

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

Core Class: *Understanding the Bible*

If you are reading the Bible and interpreting its message, you are using some principles in the process whether you know it or not. This class will help you with personal Bible reading and study. We will identify and explain tested principles you can use to get a solid understanding of a biblical text and see how all of Scripture is about Jesus Christ.

Taught by Tony Giles, The Chapel

Elective Class: *Loving Well: Learning to Embrace One Another as Saints, Sufferers, and Sinners*

People can be complex, relationships can be messy, and loving each other well can be challenging. How do we understand ourselves and each other? How do we move towards each other in helpful and God-honoring ways? This course will give you a Biblical framework to help you pursue and love others as you are pursued and loved by Jesus.

Taught by Ben Griffith, third floor

Vacation Bible School: Rooted

Join us at Jim Warren Park June 1-3, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for VBS! We will be exploring how we grow in our faith by looking at God's design in nature. We need volunteers: leaders, prayer warriors, and generous hearts willing to provide supplies or food. And of course, we need your kids—and their friends, too! VBS is for rising K–rising 6th graders. There are QR codes on posters around the building to make for easy registration and volunteering, or sign up online!

Evenings of Encouragement for Moms

All moms of young children are invited to join us at the Julie Kesler's home on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. for our last gathering before we break for summer. We will enjoy a time of food and fellowship as we look towards the fall. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. 1106 Gray Fox Lane, Franklin
Contact: women@cstonepres.org

Eastertide Scripture Readings

There are devotionals for Eastertide available at both Chapel entrances and on the church website and app.

Prayer Meeting

Throughout May, the prayer team will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor at Cornerstone. The meeting will move to Monday evenings for the months of June and July. Everyone is welcome! Submit prayer requests online or email to prayer@cstonepres.org.

Elementary Sunday School Help Needed

We are looking for a few more folks who are willing to serve our covenant children during the summer Sunday school term. The 3rd/4th grade class needs an assistant and a teacher, and we need an assistant for the 5th/6th grade class. Please let Meredith Suits know if you are willing to serve or have questions. elementary@cstonepres.org

Blessed—Women's Summer Bible Study

Sisters, make plans to be at Cornerstone on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning June 7. Nancy Guthrie will lead us in the second half of our study of Revelation. Personal Bible study questions are available on the Women's Ministry page of the website. Invite friends and neighbors to come with you!

Cornerstone Youth

Please help us keep our email list up-to-date by scanning the QR code and leaving us your current info before summer begins.



Life at Cornerstone

The best way to keep up with all things Cornerstone is through our weekly email, "Life at Cornerstone." It drops into your inbox every Wednesday at 6:00 a.m. Subscribe through the homepage of the website.

Giving

There are boxes for tithes and alms at both Chapel entrances, or you can give safely and securely online.

Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "There is No God like the LORD," is taken from Exodus 7:14-10:29, 12:29-32. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- If you summarized the purpose of the plagues in a sentence, what would you say?
- Why did God choose the particular plagues he chose, and how does this tie into the overarching purpose?
- How do the plagues tie into the creation narrative? What are we to learn from this?
- It's been said that Pharaoh never, "Let the people go," as much as God by force led the people out. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Is there any redemption we can glean from the plagues?
- What new understanding of the plagues did you gain from today's message? What questions about the plague narratives do you still have?

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