

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Fourth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2017

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 and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the text, and the second system contains the next two lines. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass line providing harmonic support. 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!"

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 146:1-2, 7-10

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

All: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Pastor: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

All: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Pastor: The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

Hymn of Praise—Come, Christians Join to Sing

Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is His gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
His love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1843; Music: MADRID, Traditional Spanish Melody, Arr David Evans, 1927.

Hymn of Praise—How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for I am your
When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -
The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I will not, I

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to you he has
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your trou - bles to
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de -
will not de - sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vour to

said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
shake, I'll ne - ver, no ne - ver, no ne - ver for - sake.

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

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

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 42:5-9

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

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—Hear My Prayer (from Psalm 86)



Hear my prayer, O Lord, and an-swer me. I am poor and need-y.
You, O Lord, are good and for - giv - ing. Give ear to my prayer.

Save my life for you are the on - ly God. For to you I cry.
Teach your way so that I may walk in your truth; fix my heart to fear You.

You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy. Grac-ious are you, O God. Slow to an - ger a -
bound - ing in faith - ful - ness. Turn to me, de - liv - er me. Save me in Your love.

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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 40:1-2, 4, 6, 8-10

Leader: Lord, we come confessing. You have heard our cries
and drew us up from the pit of destruction.

All: From the miry clay You have set our feet upon a rock making our steps secure.

Leader: You tell us that we will be blessed in making You our trust.

All: But too often we turn to the proud and go astray after a lie.

Leader: You do not delight in sacrifice and offering,

All: Because we trust in doing the forms of obedience but our hearts are far from You.

Leader: Though Your law is within our hearts,

All: We do not take delight in doing Your will, O God.

Leader: May we tell of the glad news of our deliverance with unrestrained lips.

All: May we not hide Your deliverance within our hearts, but boldly follow You.

Leader: For we will speak of Your faithfulness and Your salvation.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

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

Hymn of Promise—Isaiah 43



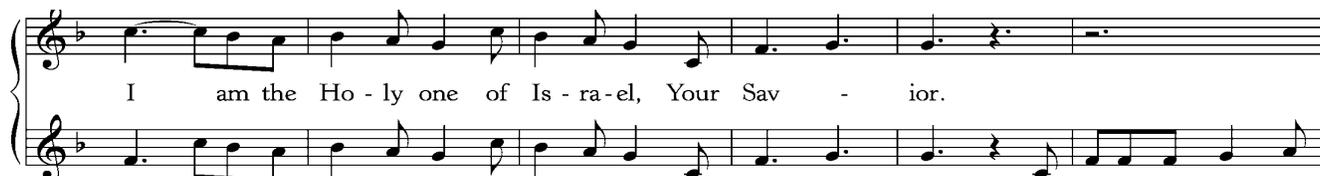
When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you, And the waves will
When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned. And the flames will



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



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



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.

Recognition of Graduates

High School

Bennett Carpenter, Kathryn Merrell, Jackson Pent, Ethan Sammons, & Audrey Steffens

College

Andrew Ansley, Christian Brewer, Courtney Crampton, Jonathan Dillard,
Elizabeth Dowdell, Sarah Esmond, & Sara Nixon

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Galatians 2:I-10

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. ²I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. ³But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. ⁴Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery— ⁵to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you. ⁶And from those who seemed to be influential (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—those, I say, who seemed influential added nothing to me. ⁷On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised ⁸(for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), ⁹and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—Galatians: The One and Only Gospel, Part 4

Resisting Slavery, Preserving the Gospel

—Tony Giles, Assistant Pastor

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system has the lyrics: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en." The second system has the lyrics: "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The music is in 3/4 time and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

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

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Sung Response—Sanctus

WOMEN



MEN 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.



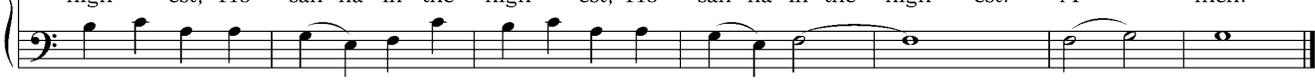
Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



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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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—I Will Praise Him, Still

When the morn - ing falls on the far - thest hill I will sing His name, I will praise Him,
still. When dark tri - als come and my heart is filled with the weight of doubt, I will
praise Him, still. For the Lord, our God, He is strong to save from the
arms of death, from the deep - est grave; and He gave us life in His
per - fect will, and by His good grace I will parise Him, still.

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Hymn of Communion—My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a rest - ing place, from guilt my soul is freed; I
 E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, This ends my fear and doubt; A
 My heart is lean - ing on the Word, The liv - ing Word of God, Sal -
 My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, The lost He came to save; For

trust the ev - er liv - ing One, His wounds for me shall plead. I
 sin - ful soul I come to Him, He'll nev - er cast me out.
 va - tion by my Sav - ior's Name, Sal - va - tion through His blood.
 me His pre - cious blood He shed, For me His life He gave.

need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea, It

is e - nough that Je - sus died, And that He died for me.

Lext: Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891; Music: LANDAS, Andre Gretry, 1741-1831, Arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1891.

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—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light; look

down, thou wear - y one, lay down thy head up - on my breast." I
liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live." I
un - to me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright." I

came to Je - sus as I was, so wear - y, worn, and sad; I
came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav' - ling days are done.

Text: Horatio Bonar, 1846; Music: KINGSFOLD, English Folk Song.

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 Revelation 1:5-6

Unto Christ who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. *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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Mission Prayer Focus

David Carrera, Church Planter, Beth Sar Shalom Reformed Church, Shelbyville, TN.

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 that include the production of a local Spanish radio program using the teaching material of Dr. R. C. Sproul.

- Pray for physical and spiritual strength for David.
- Pray for wisdom as a pastor, husband, and father.
- Pray for God's provision and vision in current church projects.
- Pray that the church members will be bold and faithful witnesses of Christ in Shelbyville.
- Pray for the new elders.
- Pray for the provision of a new youth pastor.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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 & Twelve Days**—Celebration of the Incarnation & 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

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First and Third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Cornerstone.

Today is the fourth message in our series on the book of Galatians. The title for today's message is "Resisting Slavery, Preserving the Gospel" from Galatians 2:1-10. Please take time to look over the questions below, answering and discussing them with your family or Home Fellowship Group.

- One of our vows as members of the church is to promote the peace and purity of the church. Where do you see both peace and purity being played out in this narrative?
- The apostles left this "conference" with a determined and renewed commitment to unity. What are some ways we may tend make *too little* of unity – focusing on what divides? Of making *too much* of unity – at the expense of being Christian?
- A mark of unity of the church is the acceptance of anyone and everyone who is "in Christ" regardless of cultural and ethnic background. What ways have you found to express that unity? What are some ways that you could do so?
- What rules and regulations have you interjected into your faith that may undermine the freedom that is yours in Christ?
- Read Galatians 5:1. Take some time to pray for a fuller apprehension and appreciation for the freedom that is yours in Christ.

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