



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST CORINTHIANS



Growing Together in Wisdom

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Pentecost Sunday

19 May 2024

Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

Our vision is to “*Glorify God in the gospel together as disciples who make disciples.*” Notice that last phrase—**disciples who *make disciples***. We aspire to be a church committed to raising up disciple making disciples. We aim to train you, God’s beloved people, in the joyful discipline of sharing the gospel with others, so that the beautiful grace of salvation might extend from our neighborhoods to the nations.

Toward that end, this past year we’ve offered classes like **Gospel 101** and **Christianity Explored**. These courses and others like them are a training ground for learning the basics of sharing the faith. As those who have taken these courses can testify, joining together in the work of making disciples builds in the needed encouragement and accountability to stay on mission for Christ in the world.

Speaking of staying on mission, we have a unique opportunity to be salt and light to our community. Through the ministry of **Child Evangelism Fellowship** (CEF), we have been invited to start an after-school **Good News Club at Liberty Elementary School**. Your Missions Committee in relationship with Suzanne Farris, a member at Cornerstone, have been prayerfully considering partnering with CEF to do this, and there are several interested volunteers already in our midst. The teacher of a couple of our own Cornerstone children has enthusiastically agreed to sponsor the club! Now, it’s time to put together a team to be ready, Lord willing, to start a club in the fall.

If God is moving your heart to serve the children and families of our community through sharing the good news of the gospel and you’d like to know more about this new ministry (there are many ministry roles, very much like VBS), you’re invited to attend an informational meeting on **Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Corner House**. Young people (14 and older) are welcome, as are those that want to support this ministry in prayer.

If you can’t make the June 4 meeting but want to know more, please contact Suzanne Farris at suzfarris@gmail.com. She would love to hear from you! In responding to this invitation to serve, *you* could be an answer to many prayers and a gospel witness to the least of these (Matthew 19:14, 25:40) in our beloved city of Franklin. Please prayerfully consider what role you might play in this important gospel opportunity.

Your servant,



Worship Notes—Today as we celebrate Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Church—when Christ sent the Holy Spirit to dwell among His people making them the temple of God. This marks the fulfillment of the new covenant with God Himself writing His laws on our hearts. The greatest work of the Spirit is to reveal Christ and that is what we pray for today.

We begin the service with *Come, O Creator Spirit Blest* and a Call to Worship from Psalm 104 for it is God who sends forth His Spirit to create and “renew the face of the earth.” We continue by singing *Come, Thou Almighty King* which is a wonderful Trinitarian expression of the being and work of the Father, Word, and Comforter. The New Testament Reading from Acts 2 comes from the sermon that Peter preached on the Feast Day of Pentecost in which he describes the kingdom of God expressed in the New Covenant. The Prayer of Confession from Psalm 51 and our middle hymn *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* lead us to repent of our unclean hearts and plead that the Holy spirit would “breathe new life in me” and “cause your church to hunger for your ways.” After the sermon, our first hymn of communion, *Come Down, O Love Divine* is a prayer for the Spirit to seek our hearts, to “visit it with thine own ardor glowing,” and to burn with a cleansing and illumining flame. *O God, the Holy Spirit*, is our second communion hymn; it is a beautiful exploration of the specific work that the Spirit does—from creation, “directing me to the cross,” encouraging our walk of sanctification, and imparting the work of Christ in our hearts and lives. Our final hymn, *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* continues in these themes and in those of our sermon text from I Corinthians, singing for the Spirit’s leading “through this pilgrim land” and even though we are weak “Thou art mighty.” We then depart with a promise from John 14 that the Father has sent the Holy Spirit to us to lead us with Christ’s peace.

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—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Vs I

Come, O Cre - a - tor Spir - it blest, And in our souls take up Your rest; Come,
with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid, To fill the hearts which You have made.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, circa 800, Trans by Edward Caswall, 1849; Music: TRURO, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 104:24, 27, 30-31, 33-34

Pastor: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have You made them all;
the earth is full of Your creatures.

All: These all look to You, to give them food in due season.

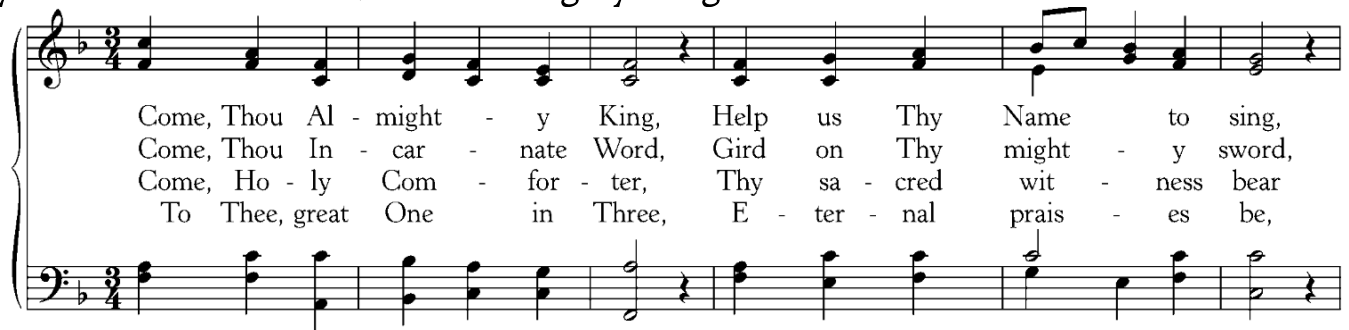
Pastor: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
and You renew the face of the ground.

All: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in His works.

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

All: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Hymn of Praise—Come, Thou Almighty King



Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy Name to sing,
Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,
Come, Ho - ly Com - for - ter, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es be,



help us to praise! Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend! Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, and give Thy
in this glad hour. Thou Who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence, ev - er - more. Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
Word suc - cess, Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend!
ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

Text: Anonymous, 1757; Music: TRINITY, Felice de Gardini, 1769.

+++New Arrivals, please wait in the Narthex to be seated.
Following the Confession of Sin, Ushers will assist you.+++

New Testament Reading—Acts 2:1-4, 14-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. **15** For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. **16** But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; **18** even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. **19** And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; **20** the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. **21** And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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—When All Thy Mercies



When all thy mer - cies, O my God, My ri - sing soul sur - veys, Trans -
When worn with sick - ness, oft hast Thou With health re - newed my face; And
When na - ture fails, and day and night Di - vide Thy works no more, My



port - ed with the view, I'm lost In won - der, love and praise.
when in sins and sor - rows bowed, Re - vived my soul with grace.
ev - er grate - ful heart, O Lord, Thy mer - cy shall a - dore.

Congregational Prayer of Confession—from Psalm 51:1-13

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**All: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

**All: Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Leader: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

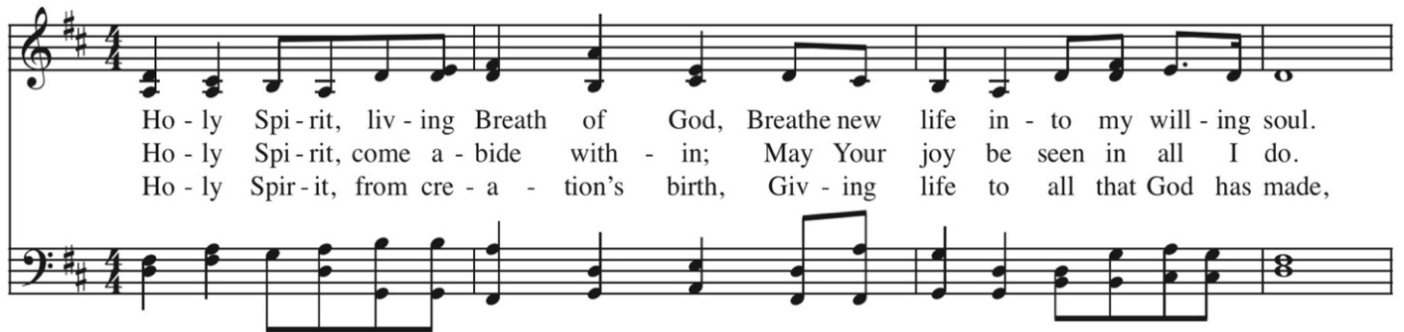
Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Ezekiel 36:25-28

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

+++New Arrivals are Welcome to be Seated+++

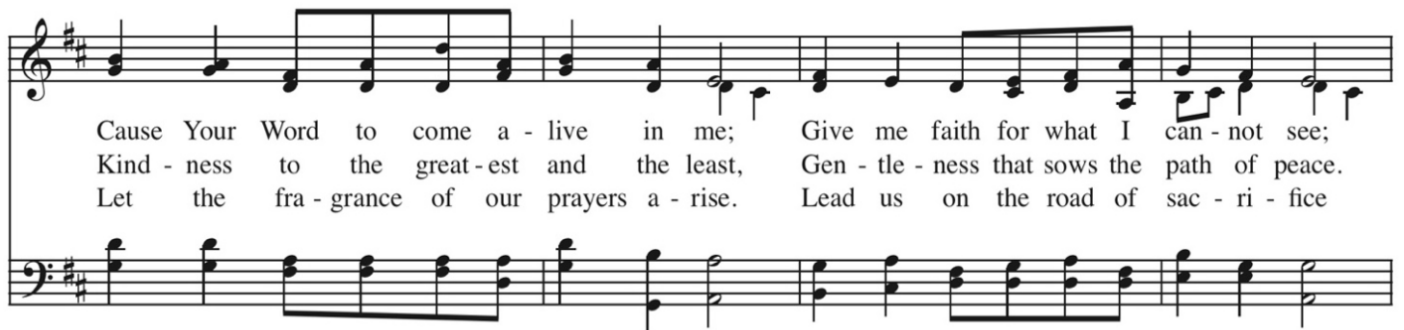
Hymn of Praise—Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God



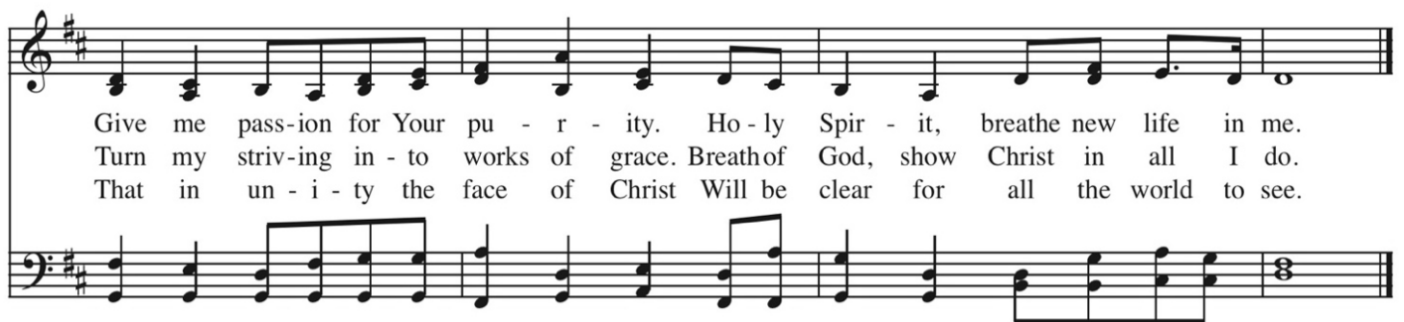
Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing Breath of God, Breathe new life in - to my will - ing soul.
Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, Giv - ing life to all that God has made,



Bring the pre - sence of the ris - en Lord To re - new my heart and make me whole.
Love e - nough to co - ver ev - 'ry sin In each thought and deed and at - ti - tude,
Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth; Cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.



Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I can - not see;
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, Gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise. Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice



Give me pass - ion for Your pu - r - ity. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe new life in me.
Turn my striv - ing in - to works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
That in un - i - ty the face of Christ Will be clear for all the world to see.

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Sacrament of Baptism

—Rosalie Juliette Crook, *Daughter of Jason & Kirsty Crook*

“For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. ‘And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you.’ Therefore, believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house.” (Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31)

Parental Vows:

1. Do you acknowledge your own, as well as your child’s, need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises for her, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus—and only to the Lord Jesus—for her salvation, just as you do for your own?
3. Do you now consecrate your child to God; will you in humble reliance upon His sovereign grace set before her a godly example—praying with and for her, teaching her the good hope of the Gospel, opening to her the truth of the Scriptures, and striving by every means of grace God provides, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow:

Will you as a covenant community joyously commit to assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—I Corinthians 1:26-31

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—I Corinthians: Growing Together in Wisdom, *part 5*

Gospel Boasting

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

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—Holy God We Praise Your Name, Vs 4

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name You; While in es - sence onl - y One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You; And a - dor - ing bend the knee, While we sing this my - ster - y."

Text: Based on *Te Deum*, 4th c., Attr Ignace Franz, 1774; Music: GROSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. Proceed to the first table for the bread, and then on the second for wine/juice.

Hymn of Communion—Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love di - vine, seek Thou this soul of
O let it free - ly burn, til earth - ly pas - sions
And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will

mine, And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing.
turn To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
long, Shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap -
And let Thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my
For none can guess its grace, till he be - come the

pear, And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
sight, And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
place Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434, Tr Richard Littledale, 1867; Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.

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*

Hymn of Communion—O God, the Holy Spirit



O - God the Ho-ly Spi-rit, e - ter - nal One of Three, my - Com - for - ter and
O God the Ho-ly Spi-rit, di - rect me to the cross where I can see the
O God the Ho-ly Spi-rit, put Je - sus on dis-play: re - mind me how my
O God the Ho-ly Spi-rit, come deep - en and im-part these sav - ing, lov - ing



Tea - cher, be mer - ci - ful to me. You - hov - ered o - ver cha - os the -
suf - f'ring my way - ward-ness has cost. In Je - sus' death please show me the
Sa - vior took all my guilt a - way. My sins were all for - giv - en and
les - sons up - on my des - p'rate heart that I might loathe my e - vil and



land and sea to part so - man - i - fest Your pow - er to - calm my rest - less heart.
pow - er of my sin and by His life con - vince me this bat - tle He will win.
sa - tis - fac - tion made; a - tone - ment was com - ple - ted, my cap - tive soul was saved.
flee from Sa-tan's snares then run to my Re - deem - er and cast on Him my cares.

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

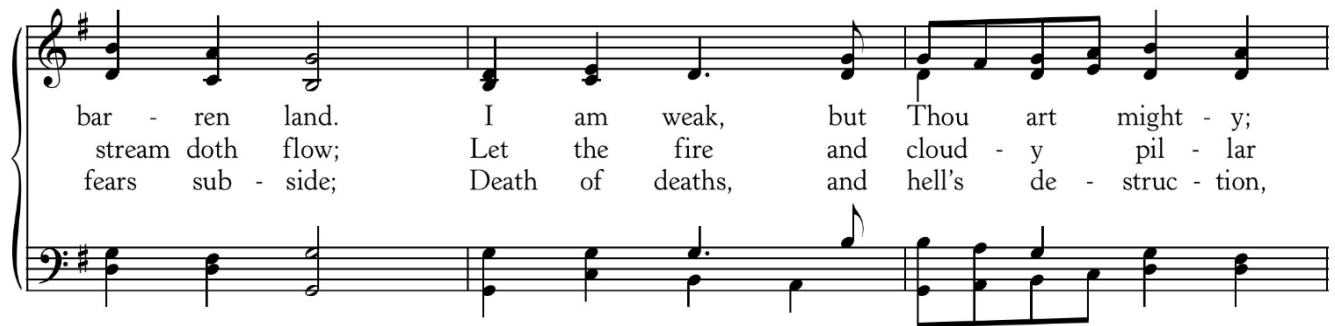
The Lord's Prayer

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—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
O - pen now the cry - stal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my an - xious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of deaths, and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy power - ful hand. Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
land me safe on Can - aan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield; Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; Music CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907.

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—John 14:25-27a

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” Amen.

Sung Response—There is a Redeemer

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son; Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - - - ly One. Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, And Leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done."

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Missions Prayer Focus—Bonnie Snyder began as a volunteer with Servant Group International (SGI) for several years and is now on staff with SGI. She is in the process of raising support to be able to devote more time to the ministry in the day to day lives of refugees in Nashville. She is teaching groups, doing Zoom lessons, and one on one ESL classes as a bridge to be able to share the love and hope of Jesus.

Please Pray:

- That a desire for a Bible study will come from my evening Franklin ESL class.
- For developing friendships with a new ESL class that started in Franklin. It's a sweet group of women from Korea, Morocco, Kurdistan, and Belarus. I am praying for a way to combine a yoga class with an informal Bible study outside of class hours.
- Praise the Lord for more opportunities to give out Bibles in multiple languages.
- For provision since I need to raise an additional \$1400 a month.

Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here!
We invite you to fill out a visitor form by scanning this QR code so that we may welcome you personally.
Alternatively, visitor cards are available at either entrance to the chapel
and can be placed in one of the offering boxes as you leave.



Focus on Church Ministry

Sunday School Semester Break

There will be no Sunday School for any ages on May 26 or June 2. The summer term will begin on June 9.

Good News Club

Want to learn more about what volunteering at Liberty Elementary might look like? You're invited to come hear more about Child Evangelism Fellowship and the Good News Club on *Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Corner House*. Young people (14 and older) are welcome, as well as those that want to support this ministry in prayer. Have questions? Contact Suzanne Farris at (615) 300-0073 or suzfarris@gmail.com.

Cornerstone Youth

There will be no Wednesday night youth group for the rest of May. The summer session begins June 5—we invite all Cornerstone's rising 7th graders to join our youth activities this summer!

Today is our last spring Sunday School session. After a brief break, we'll resume Sunday School at Merridee's on June 9.

Women's Summer Bible Study

Sisters, make plans to join us on Tuesday evenings in June and July! We will meet in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday from June 11 to July 30 for the second half of *Saved: Experiencing the Power of the Book of Acts* with Nancy Guthrie. There are printed personal Bible study questions free to women attending the study available in the Narthex today, or you can access them on the church website anytime. Bring your friends and invite your neighbors!

Overflow Has Moved

Additional seating for services is now available in the Fellowship Hall.

Giving

There are boxes for tithes and alms at both entrances to the Chapel, or you may give safely and securely online through the website and app.

Upcoming Church Fellowship

Join us in the courtyard on Sunday, June 2, at 9:30 a.m. for a time of church fellowship. Please bring a breakfast item to share and come ready to meet someone new—maybe someone who doesn't attend your service!

Young Adults: Thursdays in June

Young adults, join us each of the Thursdays in June at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will gather for dinner, fellowship, and a four-part series on *Faithfulness in Exile* taught by various Cornerstone leaders. Childcare is available. Please register on the website.

Book Discussion: June 3

Join other Cornerstone members and friends the first Monday of June for a discussion of G.K. Chesterton's *The Ballad of the White Horse*. Copies are available on the Bookshelf. We will meet at The Corner House at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3.

Upcoming discussion: July 1, *The Princess and the Goblin* by George MacDonald

Opportunity to Serve at the Chapel

We need help with renovations happening on the second floor of the chapel building. We're looking for people who can help with moving on May 20 and June 7 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and painting on May 23 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Help is welcome anytime during those hours—stay for as long as you are able! Please sign up on the website.

Exploring Cornerstone

Want to learn about the history, beliefs, vision, and ministries of Cornerstone, as well as meet key ministry leaders? Interested in becoming a member? Exploring Cornerstone is the class for you. We will meet on Friday, May 31, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 1, from 8:00 a.m.-noon. Childcare will be provided. Please visit the website to register.

Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "Gospel Boasting," is taken from I Corinthians 1:26-31. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- When you evaluate someone, what's important to you? What do you weigh or consider? How might the gospel change what you weigh and consider about others?
- What does it say about God that he doesn't choose many wise, powerful, or of noble birth?
- Should we be bothered by the fact that God's purpose is to "shame" (v. 27) the wise and powerful? Isn't shaming someone wrong?
- If the Corinthians do what Paul commands in v. 31, how would this overcome the divisions they are facing and reunify the church?
- How did today's message give you reason to boast in the Lord?

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