

# CORNERSTONE

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal
Ordinary Time—The Sundays of Pentecost
07 June 2020

#### 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—Give Thanks to God the Lord, Vs I



Text: Susan H. Peterson, 1999; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

# Call to Worship—Psalm 95:I-7

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.

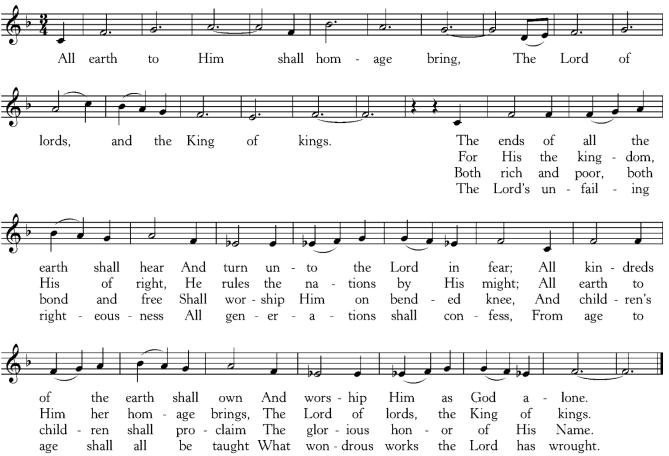
All: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

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

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

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

#### Hymn of Praise—Psalm 22:27-31 All Earth to Him



CCLI #11121087 Text: The Psalter, 1912; Music: HOMAGE, Gregory Wilbur, 2010.

# New Testament Reading—Matthew 21:12-16

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

<sup>14</sup> And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, <sup>16</sup> and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"

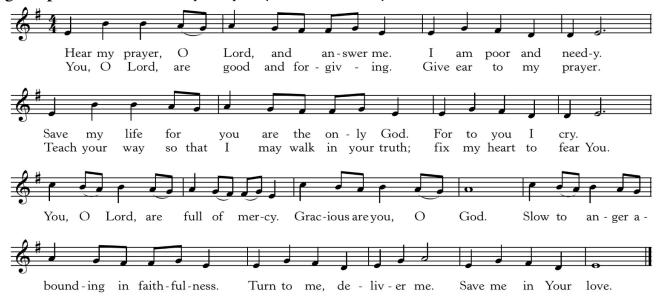
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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 Preparation—Hear My Prayer (from Psalm 86)



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# Congregational Prayer for Confession of Sin—based on Romans 12:9-12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You call us as Your followers to let our love be genuine and to abhor evil and to hold fast to what is good.

All: Father, we allow our love to be directed by self-interests, and we excuse or ignore evil.

We do not hold firmly those things that are good.

Pastor: You call us to love one another with brotherly affection and to outdo one another in showing honor.

All: Too often we pay no attention to those around us.

Instead of love, affection and honor, we disregard our brothers and sisters.

Pastor: Lord, You tell us to not be slothful in zeal, to be fervent in the Spirit, and to serve You.

All: Father, You know our wasted hours and affections, our inaction, and our failure to act on spiritual impulses.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, work in our hearts that we may rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and to be constant in prayer.

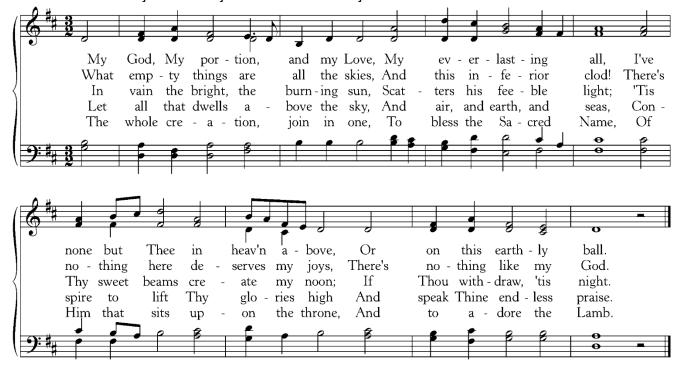
Rescue us and fill us with the Spirit, that Christ may be formed in us.

# 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

# Hymn of Praise—My God, My Portion, and My Love



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, from Southern Harmony.

#### GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

# The Reading of the Word—Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

- <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup>You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
- <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- <sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

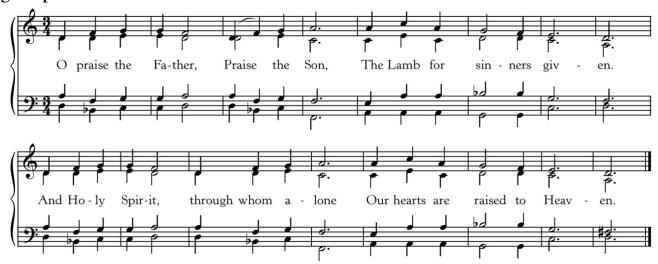
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

# Sermon—Summer Psalms: Finding Our Way to God, Series 2, Pt I

Worshipping the God of Heaven and Earth

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

#### Sung Response—O Praise the Father



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

#### Sursum Corda

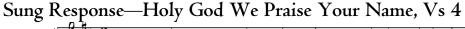
Elder: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

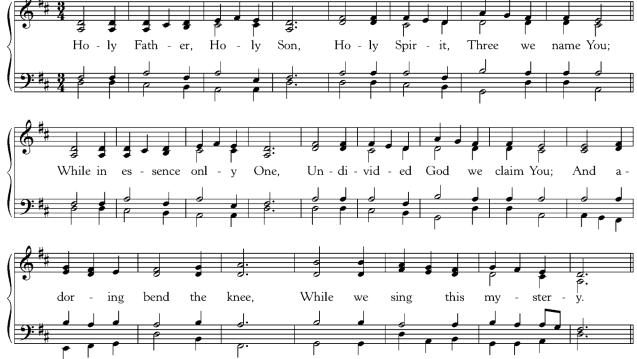
Elder: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Elder: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.





Text: Based on Te Deum, 4<sup>th</sup> c., Attr Ignace Franz, 1774; Music: GROSER GOTT, Katholisches Gesangbuch, 177

# 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 recommendation of the holy catholic church,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### 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. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

#### 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.

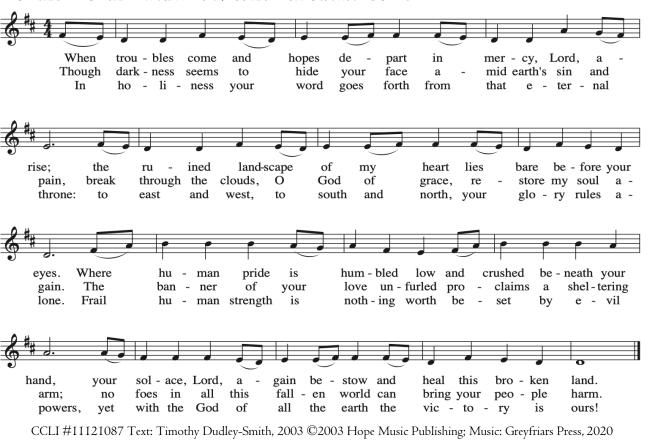
Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give 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.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

#### Psalm of the Month—Psalm 60: When Troubles Come



# Hymn of Communion—Give Me Jesus



# 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—Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793.

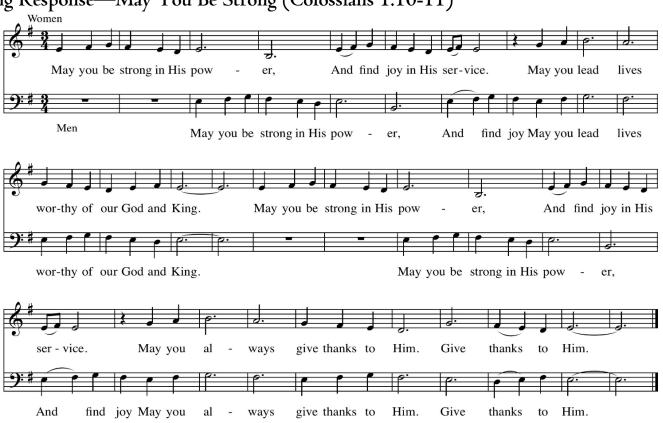
#### GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—II Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen*.

# Sung Response—May You Be Strong (Colossians I:10-II)



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Welcome to Cornerstone! We're glad you're visiting with us today, and would love the opportunity to welcome you personally. We invite you to fill out our visitor card by following this link.



# Pastoral Notes

I ran into Mrs. Meredith Suits, our Children's Ministry Coordinator, the other day. She was sitting outside on the park benches at the church. I asked her what she was doing. She said, "Just waiting on members to drive by and pick up children's Sunday School materials for the summer." I'm grateful for that sister's service to us.

Mrs. Susan Bumpus, our Office Manager, called me the other day. She wanted to let me know why she'd been gone so long from the office. It's because she went to five stores to try and find disinfectant wipes (a hot commodity these days!) in order for the staff to clean their office after meetings and at the end of the day.

Why do I tell you this? Certainly not to embarrass these dear ladies. I tell you this to encourage you. In the midst of difficult times where knowing how to minister is difficult, I want you to know that your staff is being creative, pulling extra weight, and often going beyond the call of duty (and office hours!) to serve YOU. They don't complain about it (well, not usually!), and it's almost never carried out with any fanfare. Just simple faithfulness that refuses to grow weary of doing good (Gal. 6:9).

Chief among these faithful servants is Miss Anneke Seely. She has served for two years as Administrative Assistant for Discipleship. Her cheerful spirit and do-anything-for-you servant's heart has increased our joy, productivity, and effectiveness as a church. This is why we're really going to miss her. Thankfully, she's not going anywhere right away. You'll still see her at church and serving on the worship team. She's just stepping away from her role as Admin. Assistant of Discipleship to explore more long-term what God would have for her vocationally. Anneke, we love you and thank God for you, and you will remain in our prayers, dear sister.

As Anneke leaves the staff, we're welcoming someone into her role who is known and loved already by the Cornerstone family. I am happy to announce that Mrs. Martha Brooks will be our new Administrative Assistant for Discipleship! As some of you'll remember, Martha served as our Children's Ministry Coordinator several years ago, and then for the last two years worked as the librarian at New Hope Academy here in Franklin. Providentially, as the Lord was moving Martha away from the role at NHA, the Administrative Assistant position for Discipleship opened up. A conversation began, interviews followed, and at the end of May the Session unanimously approved Martha for the position. We're thrilled to have you back on staff, Martha, and we look forward to the days ahead!

In closing, I wanted to mention one more bit of news that we missed sharing. Back in March, the elders received with regret Mr. Gene King's resignation from the office of deacon at Cornerstone. As many of you know, Gene's father's health has declined significantly in the last year, and he's taking up greater responsibility in caring for him and his family. With all that was on Gene's plate already, it was clear that something needed to shift to lighten the load. Though we'll miss Gene on the diaconate, we are glad to release our brother from this call, so he can be freed up to shoulder the most important responsibilities of his life right now.

Well, that's it for now, friends. Have a great week in the Lord. I'll see you back here next week!

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