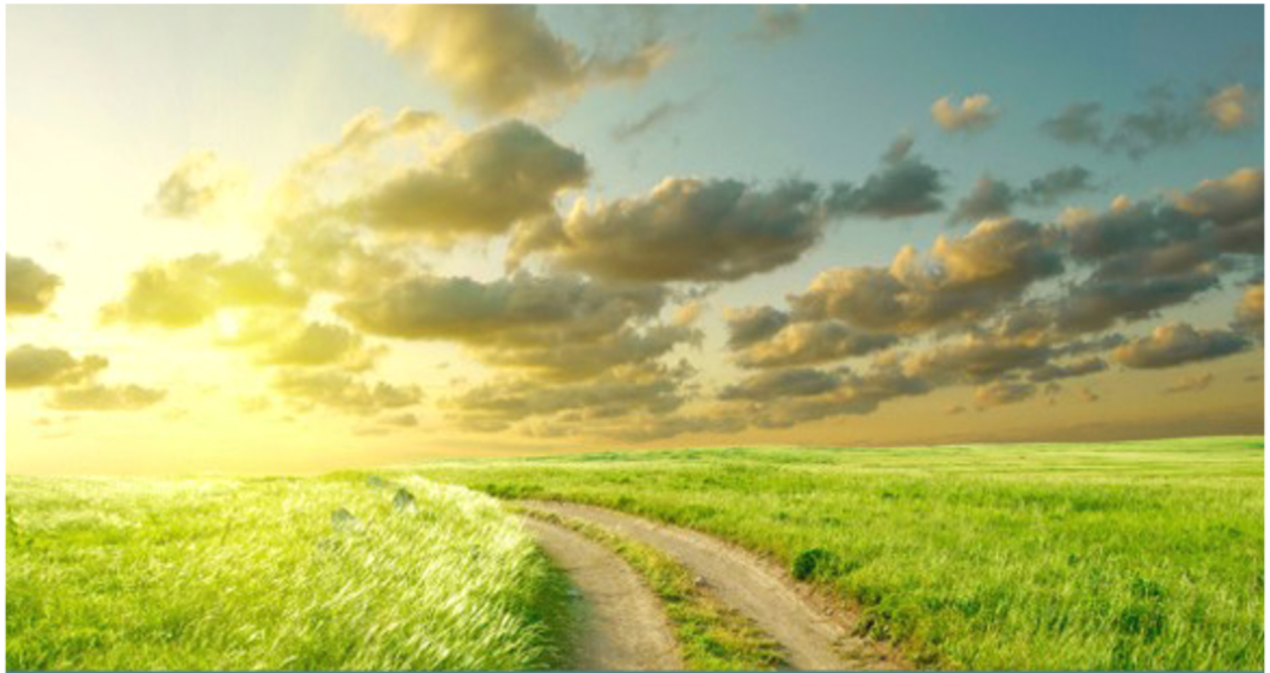




CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Finding Our Way to God
A Study in the Psalms

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
Ordinary Time—The Sundays of Pentecost
14 June 2020

Pastoral Notes

We have all seen the numbers. It's patently clear: the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown has dealt quite a blow to our economy. For more than a few us, this downturn hit our pocketbooks hard. Retirement plummeted, business deals dried up, hours cut back, and jobs were lost. As encouraging as it was to hear this week that 2.5 million jobs were added in the month of May—the largest one month jump in U.S. history—unemployment still stands at 13% nationwide. Needless to say, we've got a long road ahead of us.

Whenever there's a downturn in the economy, it's typical for churches and other nonprofit organizations to experience a dip in giving. Even though we've seen our ups and downs economically over the years with, at times, sizable rises and falls in our month to month giving, the Cornerstone family has always stepped up to meet the needs of the ministry. Witnessing this over the years has blessed my socks off! Why? *Because generous and cheerful giving to the church is among the leading marks of spiritual vitality and commitment to Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 9:6-7).* As our Savior put it, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

As we near the end of this budget year (June 30), I asked the Finance Committee to give us a brief report on the fiscal health of Cornerstone and our budget plans for next budget year:

On the behalf of our leadership, we want to thank you for continuing to support the worship and work of Cornerstone during this difficult season. We also want to share with you that we've seen a substantial dip in our giving over the last two months. If you compare April and May last year with April and May this year (the same 9-week period), we're down roughly 20% in giving. Due to our healthy cash position going into these months, we are holding on our own. We will keep a close watch on things as we go throughout the typically lean summer months. Though we don't know what the future holds, we are hopeful that as the economy comes back online and as more of us are able to get back to work we will see a gradual increase in giving. Please pray for that.

In our budget planning for next year, we thought it wise to be very conservative. This past Tuesday at our Leadership Meeting we approved a 0% budget increase across the board. Below you will find a big picture summary of where we are currently and our projection for the 2020/2021 budget year. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Susan Bumpus in the church office at office@cstonepres.org

Financial Update 2020

	<u>II Month Actual</u>	<u>II Month Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Giving	\$823,595	\$825,182	(\$1,587)
Total Expenses	\$810,763	\$815,549	\$4,786
Difference	\$12,832	\$9,633	\$3,199

2020 Budget \$889,790

2021 Budget \$889,790

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—Give Thanks to God the Lord, Vs I

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call. Make known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what He has done for all. Sing praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro - claim. Re - joice, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.'

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 145:1-7

Pastor I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

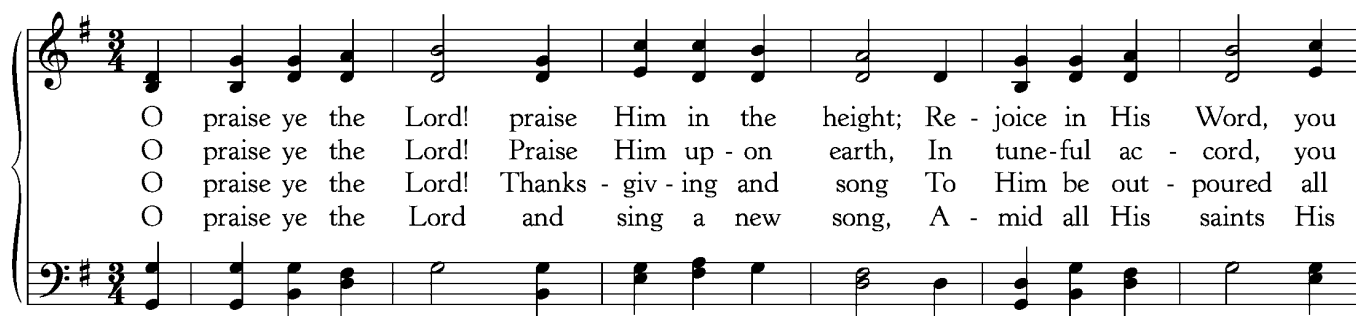
All: One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

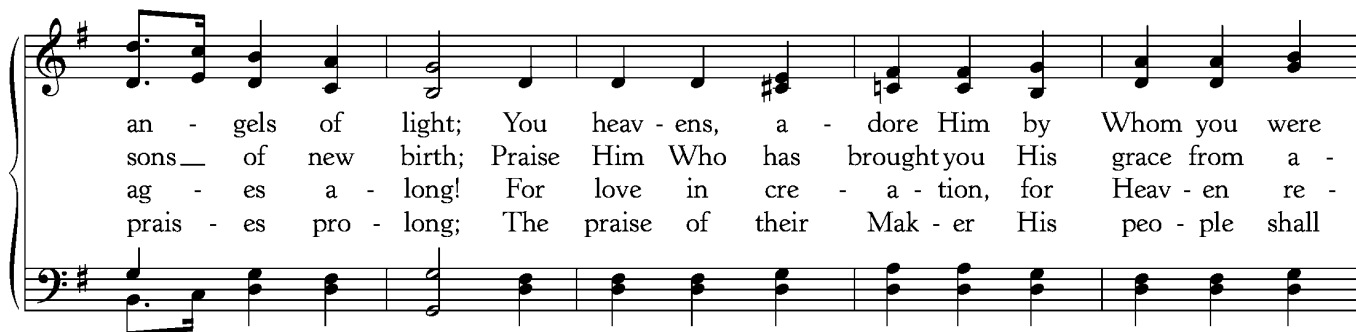
All: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.

Pastor: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.


Hymn of Praise—O Praise Ye the Lord



O praise ye the Lord! praise Him in the height; Re - joice in His Word, you
O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him up - on earth, In tune - ful ac - cord, you
O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song To Him be out - poured all
O praise ye the Lord and sing a new song, A - mid all His saints His



an - gels of light; You heav - ens, a - dore Him by Whom you were
sons_ of new birth; Praise Him Who has brought you His grace from a -
ag - es a - long! For love in cre - a - tion, for Heav - en re -
prais - es pro - long; The praise of their Mak - er His peo - ple shall



made, And wor - ship be - fore Him in bright - ness ar - rayed.
bove, Praise Him Who has taught you to sing_ of His love.
stored, For grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!
sing, And child - ren of Zi - on re - joice_ in their King.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1875; Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806.

New Testament Reading—Hebrews II:1-6

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

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)



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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Congregational Prayer for Confession of Sin—based on I Timothy 1:6-14

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have not given us a spirit of fear
but of power and love and self-control.

**All: But we have not fanned into flames
the gift that You have placed within us for Your purposes.**

Pastor: You have saved us and called us to a holy calling,
not because of our works but because of Your own purpose and grace
which You gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

All: We confess there are times that we have been ashamed of this testimony about our Lord.

Pastor: Your grace has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,
who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel—
and we have been called to proclaim and teach this.

**All: But there are times in which we have kept silent of this testimony
in fear of sharing in the suffering for the gospel.**

Pastor: May we not be ashamed, for we know whom we have believed,
and we are convinced that You are You are able to guard until that Day
what has been entrusted to us.

**All: Give us grace to follow and proclaim the life-giving words of the gospel
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: By the Holy Spirit, guard the good deposit You have entrusted to us.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith,
as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 138: With Grateful Heart



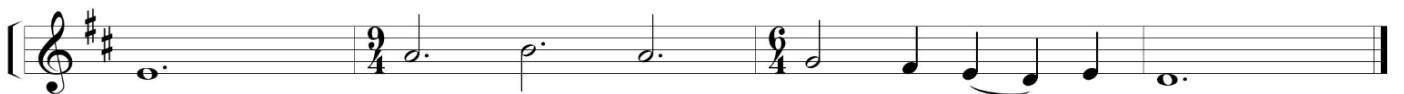
With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring, Be - fore the great Thy
 I cried to Thee and Thou didst save, Thy Word of grace new
 O Lord, en - throned in glor - y bright, Thou reign - est in the
 Thou wilt stretch forth Thy might - y arm To save me when my



praise I sing; I wor - ship in Thy ho - ly place And
 cour - age gave; The kings of earth shall thank Thee, Lord, For
 heaven - ly height; The proud in vain Thy fav - or seek, But
 foes a - larm; The work Thou hast for me be - gun Shall



praise Thee for Thy truth and grace; For truth and grace to - geth - er
 they have heard Thy wond - rous Word; Yea, they shall come with songs of
 Thou hast mer - cy for the meek; Through trou - ble though my path - way
 by Thy grace be ful - ly done; For - ev - er mer - cy dwell with



shine In Thy most ho - ly Word di - vine.
 praise, For great and glor - ious are Thy ways.
 be, Thou wilt re - trieve and strengthen me.
 Thee; O Lord, my Mak - er, think on me.

Text: Psalm 138, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: SUSSEX CAROL, Traditional English Tune.

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Psalm 14

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is none who does good.

² The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

³ They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good, not even one.

⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread
and do not call upon the LORD?

⁵ There they are in great terror,
for God is with the generation of the righteous.

⁶ You would shame the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is his refuge.

⁷ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

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 2

Defending the God Who is There

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en." The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

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.

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 system has a treble and bass staff. 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*, 1777

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

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.

Psalm of the Month—Psalm 60: When Troubles Come



When trou - bles come and hopes de - part in mer - cy, Lord, a -
Though dark - ness seems to hide your face a - mid earth's sin and
In ho - li - ness your word goes forth from that e - ter - nal



rise; the ru - ined land-scape of my heart lies bare be - fore your
pain, break through the clouds, O God of grace, re - store my soul a -
throne: to east and west, to south and north, your glo - ry rules a -



eyes. Where hu - man pride is hum - bled low and crushed be - neath your
gain. The ban - ner of your love un - furled pro - claims a shel - tering
lone. Frail hu - man strength is noth - ing worth be - set by e - vil



hand, your sol - ace, Lord, a - gain be - stow and heal this bro - ken land.
arm; no foes in all this fall - en world can bring your peo - ple harm.
powers, yet with the God of all the earth the vic - to - ry is ours!

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Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

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

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Communion—We Will Feast

We will feast in the house of Zi - on; we will sing with our hearts re-stored.

He has done great things, we will say to - geth - er; we will feast

and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the
2. In the dark of night be - fore the
3. Eve - ry vow we've bro - ken and be -

fire; He is the Lord, our God. We are not con -
 dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid. For the pro - mised
 trayed, You are the Faith - ful One. And from the

sumed by the flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
 morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
 gar - den to the grave, bind us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

to chorus

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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—Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Je - sus, thou Joy of Lov - ing hearts, Thou Fount of
Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; Thou sav - est
We taste thee, O thou liv - ing Bread, And long to
Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, Where - 'er our
O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; Make all our
life, thou Light of men, From the best bliss
those that on thee call; To them that seek
feast up - on thee still; We drink of thee,
change - ful lot is cast; Glad, when thy grac -
mo - ments calm and bright; Chase the dark night
that earth im - parts We turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
the Foun - tain - head, And thirst our souls from thee to fill.
ious smile we see, Blest, when our faith can hold thee fast.
of sin a - way, Shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light

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

GOD 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—Jude I:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. *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.

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn 'Christ Be With Me'. Each system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.

Text: *Atomring indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95;
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

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.
<https://cornerstonepresbyterianchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/40/responses/new>



Focus on Church Ministry

Exploring Cornerstone Class

If you're interested in learning more about Cornerstone or uniting in membership, please join Pastor Nate and other ministry staff for an online Zoom edition of the Exploring Cornerstone class. In this class, you will learn about the history, beliefs, vision, mission and ministries of Cornerstone. To register for the class, please email Susan Bumpus at susan@cstonepres.org. Specific dates and times for the class will be determined later. RSVP today!

We Won an Award!

The Heritage Foundation of Williamson County awarded Cornerstone the Preservation Award of Craftsmanship for the stained-glass restoration last year. We are extremely grateful for the hard work, planning, and generosity of many in the church that made this dream a reality!

Reopening Ministries

The Session has approved the reopening of in-person ministries for all ministry areas except Sunday School and nursery, at the discretion of the ministry leaders. All ministry leaders and participants are asked to exercise discretion in regathering and to maintain appropriate safety measures for the comfort and protection of all persons present.

Thursday Discussions

"Come O Love Divine: The Holy Spirit and the Work of the Church"

Join Nate, Ben, and Tony via livestream on the church website on Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m. for a roundtable discussion on the work of the Holy Spirit. We will look for ways to connect the dots between the Bible's teaching on the Spirit and the church with our cultural moment.

Cornerstone Youth Summer Kickoff!

Summer Youth Group is beginning this Wednesday, June 17, at the Allen's home from 6-8pm. 7th to 12th grade students, please join us for swimming, dinner, and Bible study! Call Taylor Thompson (717-371-0848) or Eva Lewis (719-239-4246) for directions or more information.

Men's Ministry Summer Study

Set aside Thursday mornings for our Summer series, *Coffee with Calvin (& Friends)—True Prayer, True Power*. For six weeks, beginning June 18, we will be studying several of Charles Spurgeon's sermons on prayer. We hope you'll join us to study the teaching of this powerful 19th century pastor. Watch for more details to follow. Contact: Ron Moffat.

Women's Ministry Summer Study

Join with other women from Cornerstone and women around the world this summer as we learn virtually from Nancy Guthrie's eight-week video Bible Study series, *God Does His Best Work with Empty*. Nancy is also leading a Zoom call each Tuesday evening from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. just for Cornerstone women. Contact Martha or Julie (women@cstonepres.org) to find out how to sign up for the Zoom call and access the videos and accompanying Bible study questions.

Serve the Body

As you have seen, Sunday mornings have required more ushers than usual in addition to volunteers needed to clean the sanctuary between each service. Our current need is for two ushers and four cleaners per service. Please contact Todd Russell at ctoddrussell@gmail.com if you are willing to help with these tasks.

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