



# CORNERSTONE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL  
*Ordinary Time—The Sundays of Pentecost*  
*02 August 2020*

## *Pastoral Notes*

At least three times a year, we offer the Exploring Cornerstone Class, which is our version of an Inquirer's or New Member's class. I'm leading an Exploring Cornerstone Class via Zoom on Monday nights right now for those who have been visiting with us in person or via livestream. As always, it's such a joy to hear the stories of the people God leads to us and reflect together on the history, vision, commitments, and ministries of Cornerstone Pres.

This past Monday we did a 30,000-foot flyover of Reformation and Presbyterian history. Starting in 1517 with Martin Luther's nailing of the 95 theses and ending with the founding of the Presbyterian Church in America in 1973, we spanned nearly five hundred years of history in 45 minutes. Given the constraints, it was a highly selective retelling of history. I limited us to key people, moments, and movements that deeply influenced the shape of Reformed and Presbyterian history.

At one point in the discussion, I noted how every era in church history has its blights, and that the men and movements within Reformed and Presbyterian history are no exception. I cited, for instance, the well documented anti-Semitism that shows up in the writings of Martin Luther and hinted at the questionable judgment of John Calvin in the death of Michael Servetus.

My purpose in briefly noting these difficult matters was not to condemn Luther or Calvin. Far from it! The historical record is clear: these men are champions of the Christian faith. They labored tirelessly for the glory of Jesus Christ and the good of His church in their generation. We stand on their shoulders and do well to follow their lead and example in so many ways.

My purpose in making the reference was to steer clear of two equal opposite tendencies in looking at historical figures. The first tendency is to idolize. We idolize a figure in history when we treat them as if they did no wrong. You know you're falling into idolization if you find yourself ignoring or trying to explain away any perceived character flaw or transgression because down deep inside, you can't stand the possibility that your hero is, at the end of the day, a fallen human being just like you (Romans 3:23).

The second tendency is to demonize. We demonize a figure in history when we treat them as if they can do no right—when we make their moral failings the whole story. We speak of them as if the only thing true about them is what they've done wrong, and we can't imagine there's anything redeemable about them (Matthew 7:11).

If we examine history with an honest eye, we won't be surprised to learn our enemies do things that are good and right from time to time. We also won't be surprised to see our hero goof up now and again. In the end, everyone is a mixed bag of original glory *and* original sin.

Let's learn from the men and women of history. Let's follow their example where we can. Let's give them the respect they're due. But let's not idolize them or demonize them. Let's let them be the humans they are.

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

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 95:1-7

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.

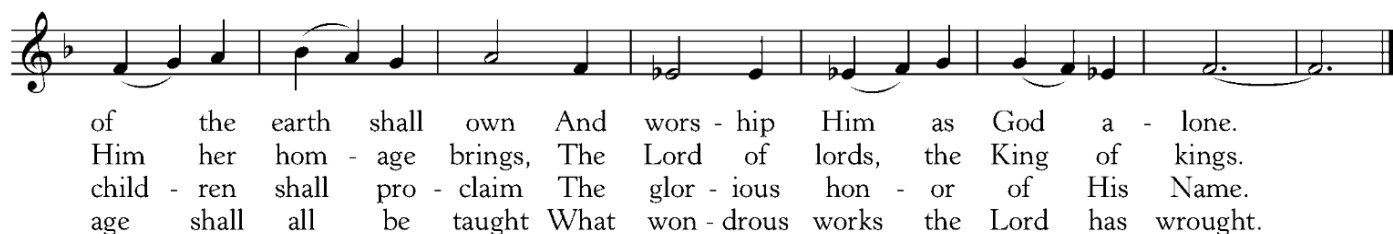
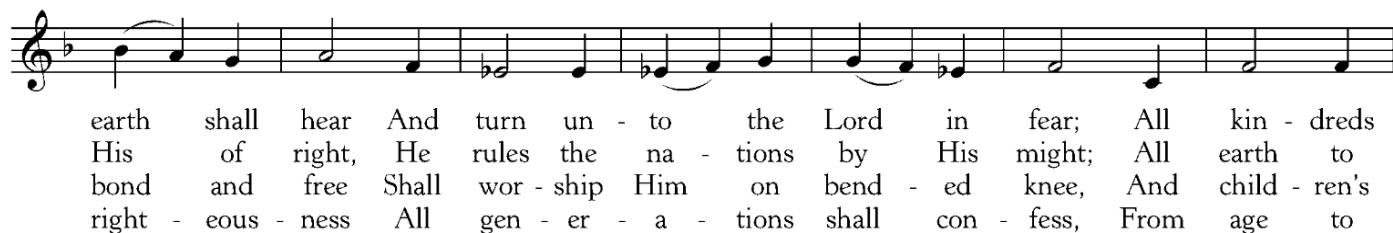
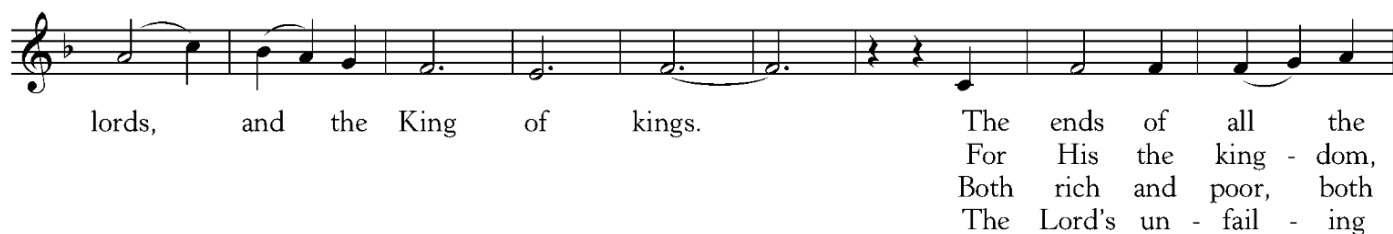
All: In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

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 #2844402 Text: *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: HOMAGE, Gregory Wilbur, 2010.

## Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 42:5-9

<sup>5</sup> 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:  
<sup>6</sup> “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,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup> 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 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.

Text & Music: Greyfriars Press, 2013. Used by permission.

## Congregational Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 78:32-43

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing,  
In spite of You revealing Yourself and despite Your wonders,

**All: We still sin and we do not believe.**

Pastor: You make our time and years vanish like a breath.  
You allow terrors and adversity.

**All: It is then that we repent and seek You earnestly.**

Pastor: We remember that You, the Most High God,  
are our rock and our redeemer.

**All: But still, we flatter You with our mouths  
and lie to You with our tongues.  
Our hearts are not steadfast toward You  
and we are not faithful to Your covenant.**

Pastor: Yet You, being compassionate, atoned for our iniquity;  
You restrained Your anger and did not destroy us.

**All: You remembered that we are but flesh.  
Keep us from rebelling against You,  
grieving You, testing and provoking You.**

Pastor: For You have revealed Yourself in power,  
performing signs and marvels and redeeming us.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—Ezekiel 36:25-28

<sup>25</sup> 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.

<sup>26</sup> 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.

<sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you,  
and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

<sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers,  
and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

# Hymn of Praise—Jesus Shall Reign

Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
To him shall end - less prayer be made,  
Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;  
Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
and prais - es throug to crown his head;  
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,  
his name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise  
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,  
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
and all the sons of want are blest.  
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

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

## The Reading of the Word—Psalm 115

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

<sup>2</sup> Why should the nations say,  
“Where is their God?”

<sup>3</sup> Our God is in the heavens;  
he does all that he pleases.

<sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.

<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but do not speak;  
eyes, but do not see.

<sup>6</sup> They have ears, but do not hear;  
noses, but do not smell.

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

<sup>8</sup> Those who make them become like them;  
so do all who trust in them.

<sup>9</sup> O Israel, trust in the LORD!  
He is their help and their shield.

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

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

<sup>12</sup> The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;  
he will bless the house of Israel;  
he will bless the house of Aaron;

<sup>13</sup> he will bless those who fear the LORD,  
both the small and the great.

<sup>14</sup> May the LORD give you increase,  
you and your children!

<sup>15</sup> May you be blessed by the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth!

<sup>16</sup> The heavens are the LORD’s heavens,  
but the earth he has given to the children of man.

<sup>17</sup> The dead do not praise the LORD,  
nor do any who go down into silence.

<sup>18</sup> But we will bless the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the LORD!

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 9

*Giving to God the Glory Due His Name*

—Ben Griffith, *Pastor*

## Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and 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 treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The music features a steady accompaniment in the bass line and a more melodic line in the treble.

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 with a treble and bass clef 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*, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 133: Behold How Very Good It Is

Be - hold how ver - y good it is, a pleas - ant thing to see; when  
Yes it is like the pre - cious oil poured out up - on the head, which,  
It is as though Mount Her - mon's dew, on Zi - on's hills de - scends; for

broth - ers join to live as one, in peace and u - ni - ty.  
run - ning down from Aa - ron's beard, up - on his gar - ments spread.  
there the Lord be - stows the gift of life that nev - er ends.

Text: Aaron Chapin, 1813; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Southern Harmony.

### 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*

## Communion Hymn—Sing Praise to God, vs. I,3,4

Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre - a - tion, The  
The Lord is nev - er far a-way, but through all grief dis - tress - ing, An  
Thus, all my toil - some way a-long, I sing a - loud Thy prais - es, That

God of power, the God of love, the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
ev - er pre - sent help and stay, our peace and joy and bless - ing. As  
earth may hear the grate - ful song my voice un - wear - ied rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled and ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled: To  
with a mo - ther's ten - der hand, God gent - ly leads the chos - en band: To  
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and bod - y bear your part: To

God all praise and glo - ry.  
God all praise and glo - ry.  
God all praise and glo - ry.

Text: Johann J. Schutz, 1675, trans. Francis E. Cox, 1864; Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, Bohemian Brethren's *Gesangbuch*, 1566.

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

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### 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—To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name



To our Re - deem - er's glor - ious name a - wake the sac - red song:  
*His love, what mor - tal tongue can reach? What mor - tal tongue dis - play?*  
Let won - der still with love u - nite, and gra - ti - tude and joy;  
*Dear Lord, while we a - dor - ing pay our hum - ble thanks to Thee,*  
O may the sweet, the bliss - ful theme fill ev - ery heart and tongue,



O may His love— im - mor - tal flame— tune ev - ery heart and tongue.  
*Im - ag - i - na - tion's ut - most stretch in won - der dies a - way.*  
Be Jes - us our su - preme de - light, His praise our best em - ploy.  
*May ev - ery heart with glad - ness say, the Sav - ior died for me.*  
Till strang - ers love Thy charm - ing name, and join the sa - cred song.

Text: Anne Steel, 1760; Music: Traditional Irish 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—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—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II



Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet  
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my  
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

*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*

## **Women at the Merc at Biscuit Love**

Please join us Thursday, August 6, at 6:00 p.m. on the back patio at Biscuit Love to enjoy a delicious meal from the Franklin Mercantile with your Cornerstone sisters. Please bring your mask to help ensure everyone's health and safety during the serving of food. \$5 suggested donation. Register by Monday at 5 p.m. [women@cstonepres.org](mailto:women@cstonepres.org) or on CCB forms

## **Men's Ministry – Bible Study**

Set aside Thursday mornings for our Bible Study series, *Coffee with Calvin (& Friends)—True Prayer, True Power*. We are studying Charles Spurgeon's sermons on prayer via Zoom. There are two meetings left in this series on August 6 and 20. We hope you'll join us to study the teaching of this powerful 19<sup>th</sup> century pastor. Contact: [men@stonepres.org](mailto:men@stonepres.org)

## **Prayer**

Our prayer team would be honored to pray with and for you. Join the team and submit requests: [prayer@cstonepres.org](mailto:prayer@cstonepres.org)

## **The Bookshelf**

If you're looking to while away an afternoon during these dog days of summer, check out the bookshelf directly outside the church office. There are carefully chosen books available for all ages. Payment is on your honor, on the top shelf.

## **Giving**

There are boxes for giving tithes and alms at both entrances to the chapel. You can also securely give online through the church website.

## **Nursery**

Beginning today, Sunday, August 2, nursery will be available during the 8 a.m. service. You must register your child for nursery when you register for the service. Parents of nursery-aged children should have received an email with the new guidelines. Please let Christy know if you if you have questions or didn't receive the email: [cjshurden@yahoo.com/615-720-8054](mailto:cjshurden@yahoo.com/615-720-8054)

## **New College Franklin**

NCF is seeking housing for college students for the 2020/21 school year beginning in August. If you are interested in housing students or finding out more, contact Tammy McCoy: [office@newcollegefranklin.org](mailto:office@newcollegefranklin.org)

## **Come Learn to Pray**

If you struggle with prayer—or struggle to pray—you are not alone. And not without help. Please join us for a prayer summit (via Zoom) on how to pray for an unbeliever. Tuesday, August 4, 6:30–7:30 p.m. Prayer summits are held the first Tuesday of each month and are a once-a-month part of the weekly Tuesday night prayer meetings. Email Tony by noon on Tuesday to request an invitation to the Zoom. [tonygiles@me.com](mailto:tonygiles@me.com)

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