



CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time
26 August 2018

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—Give Thanks to God the Lord, Vs I

Give thanksto 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 31:1-5

Pastor: In You, O LORD, do we take refuge; let us never be put to shame;

All: In Your righteousness deliver us!

Pastor: Incline your ear to us; rescue us speedily!

All: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us!

Pastor: For You are our rock and our fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead us and guide us;

All: You take us out of the net they have hidden for us, for You are our refuge.

Pastor: Into Your hand we commit our spirits; You have redeemed us, O LORD, faithful God.

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

Hymn of Praise—Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name

Thank and praise Je - ho - vah's name; For His mer - cies, firm and sure, From e -
 Let the ran - somed thus re - joice, Gath - ered out of ev - ery land, As the
 For His truth and mer - cy stand, Past, and pre - sent, and to be, Like the

ter - ni - ty the same To e - ter - ni - ty en - dure.
 peo - ple of His choice, Plucked from the de - stroy - er's hand. *Praise Him,*
 years of His right hand— Like His own e - ter - ni - ty.

ye who know His love; Praise Him from the depths be - neath; Praise Him

in the heights a - bove; Praise your ma - ker all that breathe.

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

New Testament Reading—Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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—Search Me, O God

Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day;
Lord, take my life, and make it whol - ly thine;
try me, O Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray.
fill my poor heart with thy great love di - vine.
See if there be some wick - ed way in me;
Take all my will, my pas - sion, self, and pride;
cleanse me from eve - ry sin and set me free.
I now sur - ren - der, Lord. In me a - bide.

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Corporate Prayer of Confession—based on Psalm 31:7, 9-10, 23-24

Pastor: O Lord, we come confessing. We rejoice in Your steadfast love,
because You have seen our afflictions;

All: You know the distress of our souls.

Pastor: Be gracious to us, O Lord, for we are in distress;

All: Our eyes are wasted from grief; our souls and bodies also.

Pastor: For our lives are spent with sorrow, and our years with sighing;

All: Our strength fails because of our iniquity, and our bones waste away.

Pastor: Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful.

All: But He abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Hymn of Praise—Though Troubles Assail Us

Though trou - bles as - sail us and dan - gers af - fright, Though friends should all
The birds, with - out gar - ner or store - house, are fed; From them let us
When Sa - tan as - sails us to stop up our path, And cour - age all
No strength of our own and no good - ness we claim; Yet, since we have
fail us and foes all u - nite, Yet one thing se - cures us, what -
learn to trust God for our bread. His saints what is fit - ting shall
fails us, we tri - umph by faith. He can - not take from us, though
known of the Sav - ior's great Name, In this our strong tow - er for
ev - er be - tide, The pro - mise as - sures us, "The Lord will pro - vide."
ne'er be de - nied So long as 'tis writ - ten, "The Lord will pro - vide."
oft he has tried, This heart cheer - ing pro - mise, "The Lord will pro - vide."
safe - ty we hide: The Lord is our pow - er, "The Lord will pro - vide."

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: ST. DENIO, Traditional Welsh Melody.

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Genesis 14:I-I6

In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, ²these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). ³And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). ⁴Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, ⁶and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. ⁷Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar.

⁸Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. ¹⁰Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. ¹¹So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹²They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

¹³Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

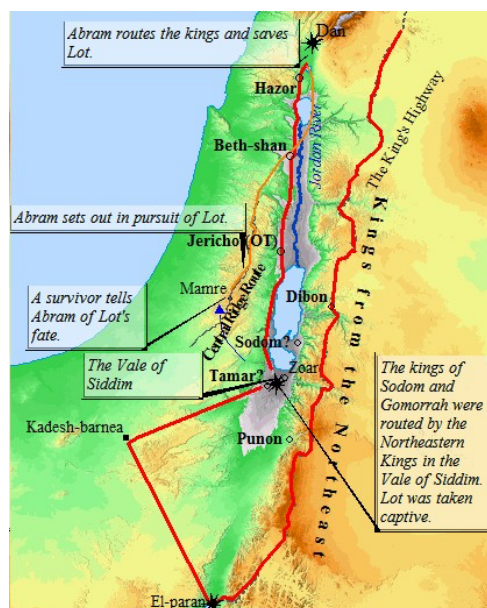
Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

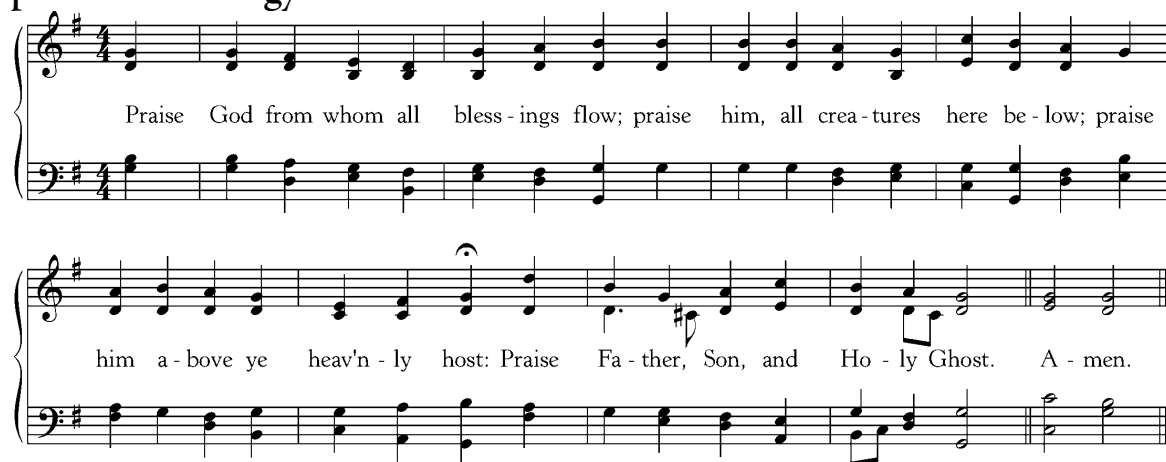
Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, part 20

Abram Rescues Lot

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*



Sung Response—Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise
him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551.

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—Let Glory Be to God on High



Let glo - ry be to God on high: Peace be on earth as
O Lord, the sole be - got - ten Son, Who bore the crimes which
Have mer - cy on us, through Thy blood; Re - ceive our prayer, O

in the sky; Good will to men! We bow the knee,
we had done; Son of the Fa - ther, who wast slain
Lamb of God! For Thou art ho - - ly; Thou a - lone,

We praise, we bless, we wor - ship Thee; We give Thee thanks, Thy
To take a - way the sins of men; O Lamb of God, whose
At God's right hand, up - on His throne, In all His glo - ry,

name we sing, Al - might - y Fa - ther! Heav'n - ly King!
blood was spilt For all the world, and all its guilt—
art a - dored, With Thee, O Ho - ly Ghost, one Lord.

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First Communion—River Roberts, Son of Brent & Andrea Roberts

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. Take the bread at the first table & 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.

Hymn of Communion—Jesus Let Us Come to Know You

Je - sus, let us come to know you; Let us see you face to face.
 Je - sus, draw us ev - er near - er; Hold us in your lov - ing arms.

Touch us, hold us, use us, mold us; On - ly let us live in you.
 Wrap us in your gen - tle pres - ence; When the end comes, bring us home.

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Hymn of Communion—Come Ye Disconsolate

Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
 Joy of the de - so - late, light of the stray - ing,
 Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing

Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that Heav'n can - not cure."
 Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

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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—He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the temp - ter would pre - vail,
Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre - ious in his ho - ly sight,
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied;

He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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 Colossians I:10**

Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. *Amen.*

Sung Response—**May You Be Strong (Colossians I:10-11)**

Women




May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives


Men




May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy May you lead lives




wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er, And find joy in His



wor-thy of our God and King. May you be strong in His pow - er,



ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.



And find joy May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

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Prayer Focus—Mike Fennema (Stephanie) is the church planter of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church (SHPC) in Spring Hill, TN. SHPC is a growing community who are seeking an authentic and vulnerable relationship with God and one another through Jesus. SHPC desires to see our world transformed for the glory of God through the building of multiplying gospel communities that love God, love each other, love our community and love the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

SHPC is currently meeting every Sunday morning at 9:30 am at Heritage Middle School (4803 Columbia Pike, Thompson's Station, TN 37179). Mike has asked that Cornerstone pray for SHPC in the following ways:

- That SHPC will be known as a church that loves their neighbors and shows Christian hospitality to those around it.
- That men and women would find authentic relationships within our fellowship and would be intentionally discipled.
- That men would be raised up who are leaders.
- That God would continue to provide for SHPC financially.



Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "Abram Rescues Lot" is taken from Genesis 14:11-16. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- Lot's crisis in Genesis 14 could have been an "I told you so" or "He deserved this!" moment for Abram, but that's not how Abram responded. What do you think kept Abram from responding this way?
- How does Abram's response resemble that of Jesus Christ's response to us in our greater crisis of sin and death?
- Many would not have done what Abram did for Lot believing it was too risky. What's the difference between heroic sacrifice and foolish risk? Discuss this with those around you.
- Who are the people you look at and think, "I told you so" or "They deserve this"? How does God want your response to them change? What would a step toward such a change look like for you?
- Who in your sphere of influence is experiencing a crisis and needs your help right now? If appropriate, name the situation with those around you and stop and pray for them right now. Now ask yourself, "Am I willing to serve ('rescue') them even though it will require sacrifice?"
- What help do you need from those around you as prepare to lay down your life for those in need of rescue around you?

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