

Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal

The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time

01 September 2019

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

Sung Introit—Glory Be to God the Father, Vs I



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Call to Worship—from Psalm 46:I-7

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

All: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

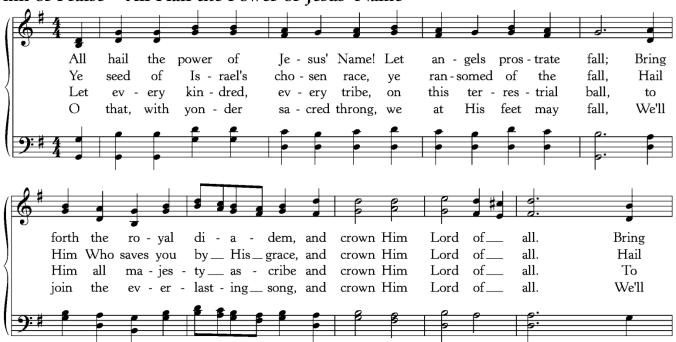
Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

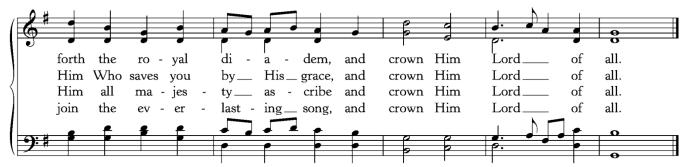
All: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

Pastor: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Hymn of Praise—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name





Text: Edward Perronet, 1779; alt. St. 4 John Rippon, 1787; Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793.

Hymn of Praise—God is My Strong Salvation: Psalm 27



Text: Psalm 27, James Montgomery, 1822; Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1864.

New Testament Reading—Romans 6:6-14

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

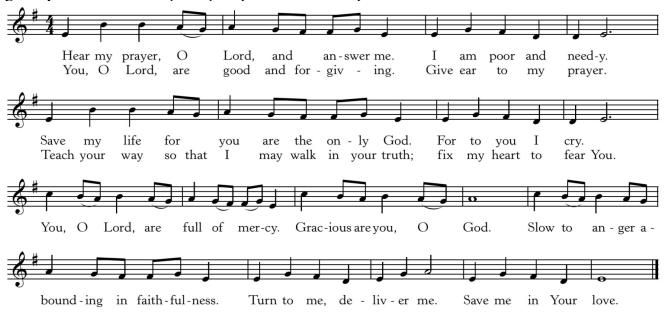
¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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—Hear My Prayer (from Psalm 86)



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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on I Thessalonians 4:I-8

Pastor: Lord, we come to you confessing. We know how we ought to walk and how to please you, but we delay doing so more and more.

All: Lord Jesus, we know your instructions. And we know that your will is our sanctification.

Pastor: You call us to abstain from immorality.

All: But we do not control our own bodies in holiness and honor.

We allow passions to control us like those who do not know you. Pastor:

All: We are controlled by our eyes, our ears, our tongue and our flesh.

Pastor: You call us to be careful not to transgress or wrong others

because you are an avenger in all these things.

All: But too often our sinful desires are stronger than the love for others.

Pastor: You have not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

All: If we disregard this, we disregard you, O Lord, who gives us your Holy Spirit.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—based on I John 5:3 & Galatians 2:20

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Hymn of Praise—When Trials Come



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"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:

- I. 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 him, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus—and only to the Lord Jesus—for his 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 him a godly example—praying with and for him, teaching him the good hope of the Gospel, opening to him the truth of the Scriptures, and striving by every means of grace God provides, to bring him 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—Genesis 39:I-23

Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³ His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. ⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵ From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. ⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. ⁹ He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" ¹⁰ And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

¹¹ But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, ¹² she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. ¹³ And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, ¹⁴ she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. ¹⁵ And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house." ¹⁶ Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house."

¹⁹ As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, "This is the way your servant treated me," his anger was kindled. ²⁰ And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison. ²¹ But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²² And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³ The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.

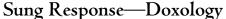
Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

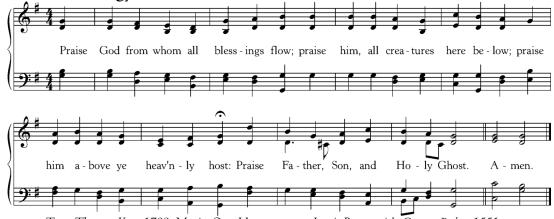
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—New Beginnings: A Study of Genesis, Part 49

The Key to a Successful Life

—Nate Shurden, Pastor





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

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.

Sursum Corda

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

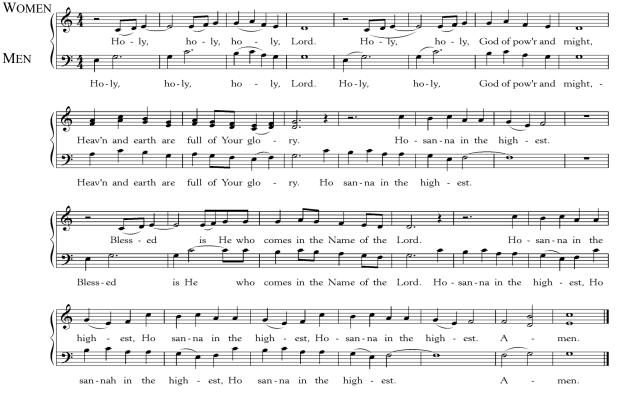
Elder: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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—Sanctus



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Profession of Faith—The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death²—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.³

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,⁴

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.⁵

He also watches over me in such a way⁶

that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;⁷ in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.8

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life⁹ and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.¹⁰

I I Cor. 6:19-20 2 Rom. 14:7-9 3 I Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14

4 I Pet. I:18-19; I John I:7-9; 2:2

5 John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; I John 3:I-II 6 Jn 6:39-40; I0:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; I Pet. I:5

7 Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18

8 Rom. 8:28 9 Rom 8:15-16; 2 Cor I:21-22; 5:5; Eph I:13-14

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Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

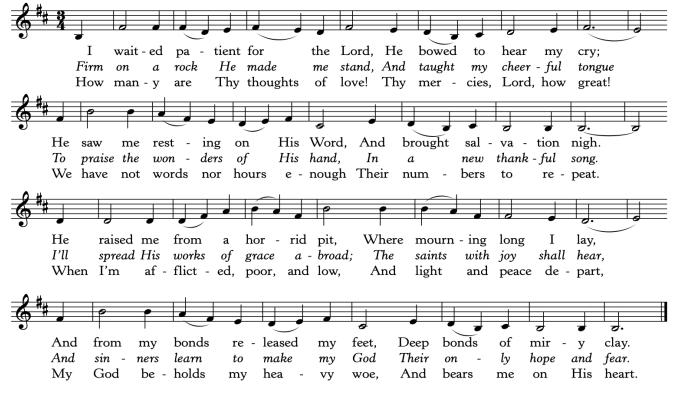
Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

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.

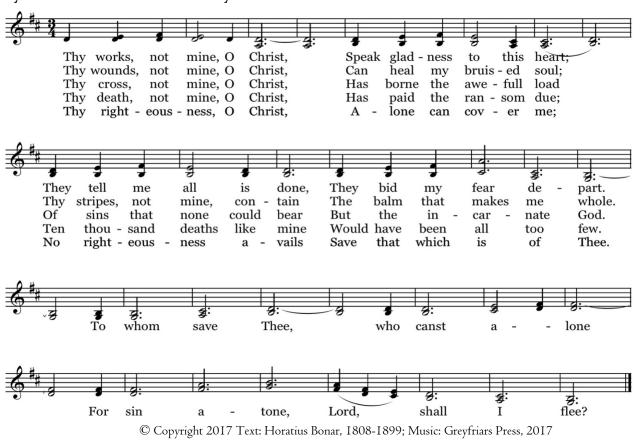
At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Psalm of the Month—Psalm 40: I Waited Patient



Text: Based on Psalm 40; Music: Based on a Traditional Irish Melody, Gregory Wilbur & Jeremiah Small, 2008.

Hymn of Communion—Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ



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.

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, What A Friend For Sinners



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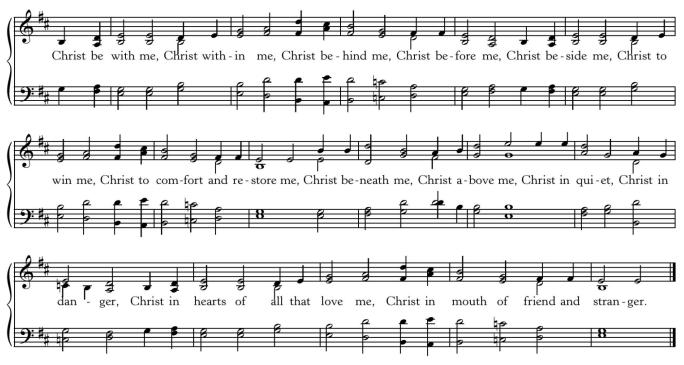
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—I Thessalonians 6:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. *Amen*.

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)



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

Prayer Focus—Dan and Julie Meyers recently relocated to Clarksville, TN from Pensacola, FL and are now involved in ministering to the U.S. Armed Forces stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky sharing the gospel of Christ to our country's military personnel. Ft. Campbell is the home of the IOIst Airborne Division. Dan ministers to young military personnel and is leading Bible studies on the post. Dan has previously worked with many chaplains in Europe over the last 20 years. Julie's ministry consists of hosting fellowships in their home as well as homeschooling their children. Please pray for Dan and Julie in the following ways:

- Praise that Dan was finally able to receive a 2 year pass on base.
- Pray for the opportunity for Dan to disciple a young enlisted man who recently became a believer and is having some marital problems.
- Pray with Dan and Julie as they work on building up a Thursday night ministry that they can bring the message of Truth to the heart of the guys involved and reach more guys who need grounding and encouragement.
- Pray for more opportunities for Dan to play music for the battalion chaplains hosting prayer breakfasts. This will help serve as a great bridge to connect with guys for discipleship opportunities.
- Pray for spiritual fruit as Dan and Julie open their home for regular (monthly or biweekly) meals for those coming to studies or involved in their discipling ministry.

Today's message, "The Key to a Successful Life" is taken from Genesis 39:I-23. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- In what way is Joseph (Genesis 39) set in contrast to Judah (Genesis 38)?
- Genesis 39 emphasizes the presence of God with Joseph more than any passage in Genesis so far (see Gen. 39:2, 3, 21, 23). Why do you think that's an emphasis at this point in the narrative?
- Joseph resisted temptation from Potiphar's wife day after day (Gen. 39:10). Where does one gain the spiritual strength to remain steadfast during persistent temptation? (I Cor. 10:13)
- We often assume that if we follow Jesus' command things will turn out well. Not so for Joseph. His life got worse! Why would one obey God if we reap suffering for it?
- Have you ever grown bitter at God for things not working out the way you hoped? What does that
 say about your motivations for obedience? How does the gospel change our motivation for obedience?

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