



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time

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Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

In journeying through the Westminster Confession of Faith with our officer candidates, we recently reflected on Chapter 26, “The Communion of Saints.” Though one of the briefest chapters, I find the description of the church’s fellowship to be one of the most beautifully compelling portraits you’ll find anywhere.

WCF 26.1, *All saints that are united to Jesus Christ their Head by His Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and in being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other’s gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.*

Notice, our communion does not consist in our participation in holy things (i.e. The Eucharist), as the Roman Catholics taught. Rather, our communion is a *personal one*; that is, it consists in the person of Jesus Christ. The whole of Christ’s life, which is the testimony of his love—“His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory” —is our life together. Our fellowship with one another is the fruit of our shared union and communion with Jesus Christ.

Truth is, we may share very little in common humanly speaking. Some of you may sense that’s the case when you look around the room this morning. But take heart, a Christian community is full of all kinds of difference. For what makes a Christian community distinctive is the fact that it’s “founded on and animated by Christ,” to quote Dietrich Bonhoeffer. It is only Christ’s presence among us that draws us together in the communion of the saints.

At this point, the applications are endless, but I’d like to note, briefly, the importance of this point for worship. *At no point is the church more the church than when the church is worshipping.* For right now, we have come together to meet with Christ by faith, and Christ, by the Spirit, has promised to meet with us. In worship, the church communes with Christ and together is made into a holy habitation for God (see I Peter 2:5; Heb. 12:22-24).

That means the power of today’s worship is *not* in the liturgy. It’s *not* in the hymns or prayers. It’s *not* even in the sermon or the Lord’s Supper. As good and as necessary as these various elements of worship are, it’s only ever the presence of Christ by the Spirit in worship that can turn our praise into His dwelling place (Psalm 22:3). Churches are often so concerned about attendance numbers at worship services. But thousands upon thousands can attend a worship service, but if Christ does not attend by the power of the Spirit, the worship is in vain.

Let us never forget—worship is a supernatural reality. Good musicianship cannot change a soul. A dynamic preacher cannot save anyone. A well scripted liturgy cannot make a disciple of Jesus Christ. God may use these things. Indeed, he does! But the power is not in the things, no matter how excellently they are performed. True worship always comes from above.

As we prepare to worship today, pray that we would *truly worship*. Pray that God would be merciful and send the Spirit of Christ to fill and form us through worship into a dwelling place for God.

Your servant,



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—Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart vs. I, 5

Re - joice, O pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks, and sing; your
Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we a - dore: the

fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Re -
Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

joyce, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
re - joice, re - joice,

Text: E.H. Plumptre, 1865; Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1883.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 68:32-35

Pastor: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;

All: **sing praises to the LORD,**

Pastor: to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

All: **behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

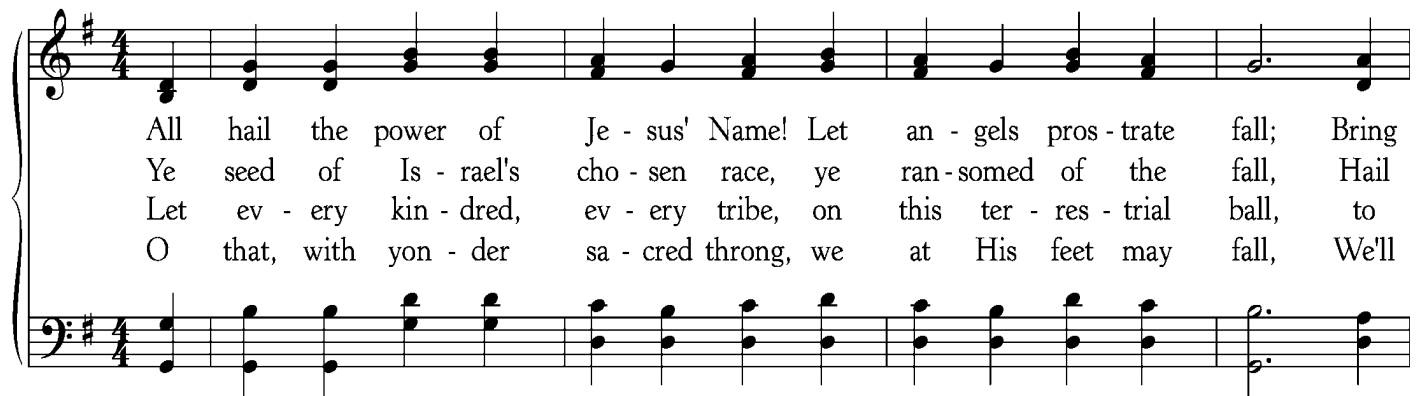
Pastor: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,

All: **and whose power is in the skies.**

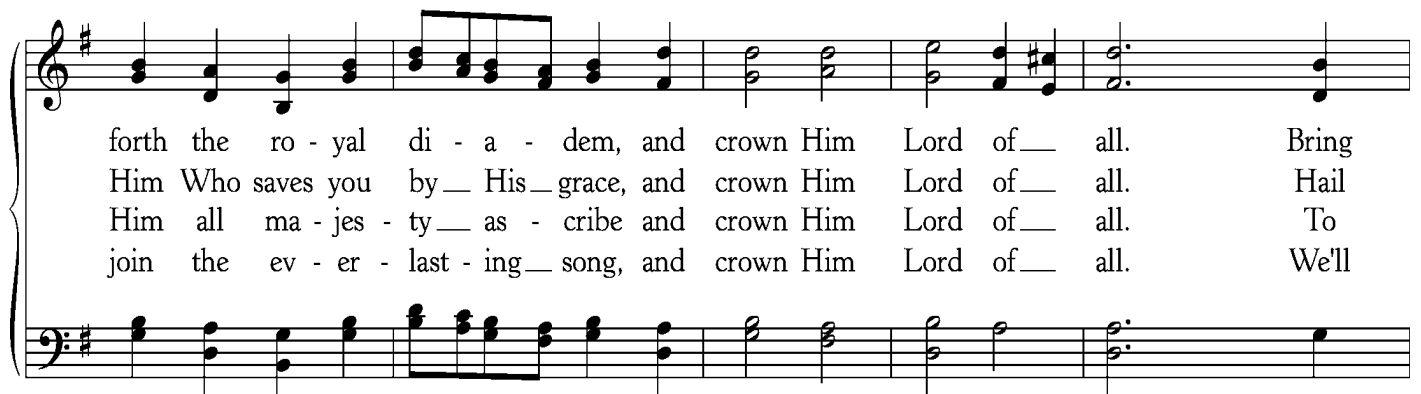
Pastor: Awesome is God from his sanctuary;

All: **the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!**

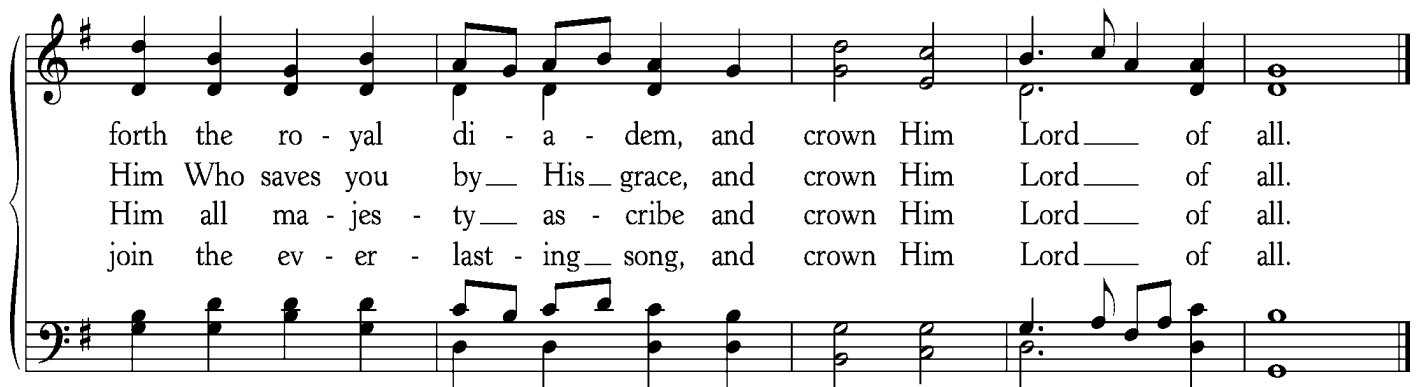
Hymn of Praise—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring
Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall, Hail
Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball, to
O that, with yon - der sa - cred throng, we at His feet may fall, We'll



forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of__ all. Bring
Him Who saves you by__ His__ grace, and crown Him Lord of__ all. Hail
Him all ma - jes - ty__ as - cribe and crown Him Lord of__ all. To
join the ev - er - last - ing__ song, and crown Him Lord of__ all. We'll



forth the ro - yal di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord__ of all.
Him Who saves you by__ His__ grace, and crown Him Lord__ of all.
Him all ma - jes - ty__ as - cribe and crown Him Lord__ of all.
join the ev - er - last - ing__ song, and crown Him Lord__ of all.

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

New Testament Reading—Hebrews 12:18-24

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest
¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be
spoken to them.²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the
mountain, it shall be stoned.”²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”
²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to
innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator
of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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—Lord, Have Mercy

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of staves. The first system is for a general group, the second for women, and the third for men. Each system has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer - cy, Lord. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer - cy, Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer - cy, Lord.'

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

WOMEN Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

MEN Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Luke 18:13; Music: FRANKLIN KYRIE, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

Congregational Prayer of Confession—from Isaiah 55:6-7, Psalm 51

Pastor: Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

All: let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Pastor: let him return to the LORD,
that he may have compassion on him,

All: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Pastor: Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.

All: We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.

Pastor: Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.

All: Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from Ephesians 5:26-27

For Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify us, having cleansed us by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that we, as the Church, might be holy and without blemish.

Hymn of Praise—Sing Ye Saints

Sing, ye saints, ad - mire and won - der, Je - sus' match-less love a - dore: Sing, for
 Sing, though sense and world-ly rea - son Tries to stop the joy-ful song: Sing, and
 Sing, ye saints, ad - mire and won - der, Je - sus' match-less love a - dore: Sing, for

Si - nai's aw - ful thun - der Shall up - on you burst no more. Sing, in spite of Sa - tan's
 count it highest trea - son For a saint to hold his tongue. Sing ye loud, whose ho - ly
 Si - nai's aw - ful thun - der Shall up - on you burst no more. Sing, for you shall heav - in -

ly - ing; Sing, though sins are black and large; Sing, for Je - sus, by his
 call - ing Your e - lec - tion plain - ly shows; Sing, nor fear a fi - nal
 her - it, Sing, and ne'er the song have done: Sing to Fa - ther, Son, and

dy - ing, Set you free from eve - ry charge. Set you free from eve - ry charge.
 fall - ing, Je - sus' love no chang-es knows. Je - sus' love no chang-es knows.
 Spir - it, One in Three, and Three in One. One in Three, and Three in One.

Text: John Ryland, 1775, alt. 2022, 1861; Music: Gregory Wilbur 2022

The Reading of the Word—Exodus 19:1-25

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ²They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. ⁹And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

When Moses told the words of the people to the LORD, ¹⁰the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments ¹¹and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ¹²And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. ¹³No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.” ¹⁴So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. ¹⁵And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman.”

¹⁶On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. ¹⁹And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. ²⁰The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

²¹And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish. ²²Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them.” ²³And Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, ‘Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.’”

²⁴And the LORD said to him, “Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.” ²⁵So Moses went down to the people and told them.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

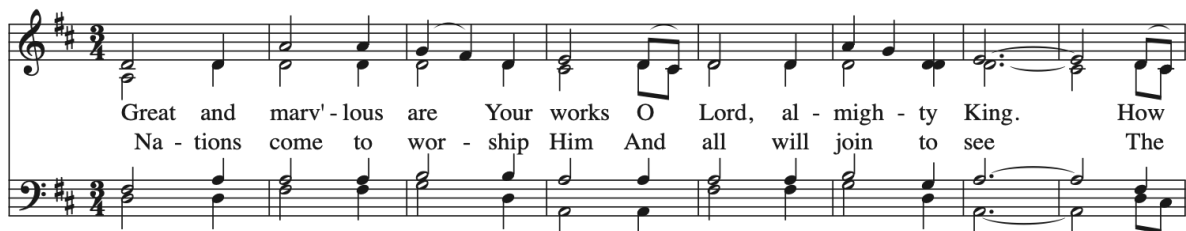
All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Delivered: A Study in Exodus, part 24

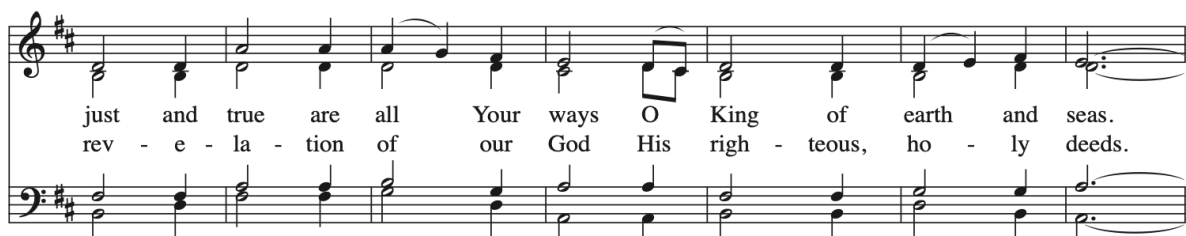
Drawing Close to a Holy God

—Nate Shurden Pastor

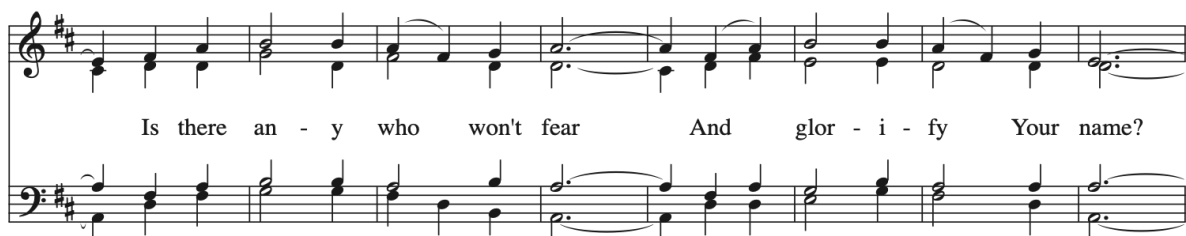
Sung Response—Song of Moses (Revelation 15:3-4)



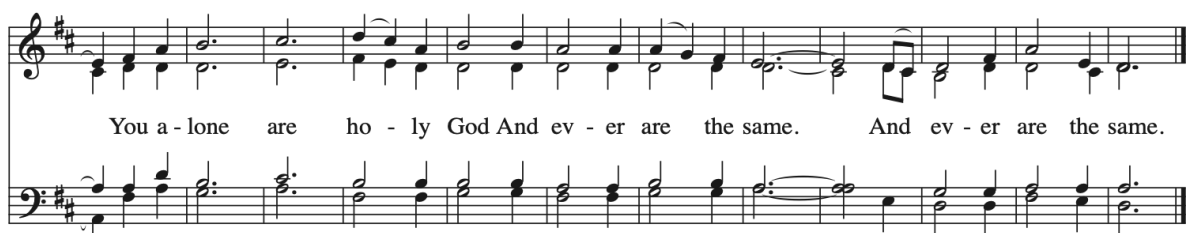
Great and marv' - lous are Your works O Lord, al - migh - ty King. How
Na - tions come to wor - ship Him And all will join to see The



just and true are all Your ways O King of earth and seas.
rev - e - la - tion of our God His righ - teous, ho - ly deeds.



Is there an - y who won't fear And glor - i - fy Your name?



You a - lone are ho - ly God And ev - er are the same. And ev - er are the same.

Song of Moses (Revelation 15:3-4) Text: Nathan Johnson, 2022; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2022.

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—Glory Be to God the Father

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son, Glo-ry
be to God the Spir - it, Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo-ry,
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, While e - ter - nal ag - es run!

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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. Proceed to the first table to partake of the bread, and then to the second tables to drink the cup of wine/juice.

Hymn of Communion—Psalm 73: O God, How Good Thou Art



O God, how good Thou art To all the pure of heart, Though life seems
Ev - er, O Lord, with Thee, All shall be well with me, Held by Thy
In earth or Heaven a - bove Who is there that I love Com - pared with
O it is good that I May still to God draw nigh, As oft be -



vain. Bur - dened with an - xious care, I groped in dark des -
hand. And Thou wilt guide my feet By Thine own coun - sel
Thee? My heart may faint with fears, But God my strength ap -
fore. The Lord Je - ho - vah blessed, My re - fuge and my



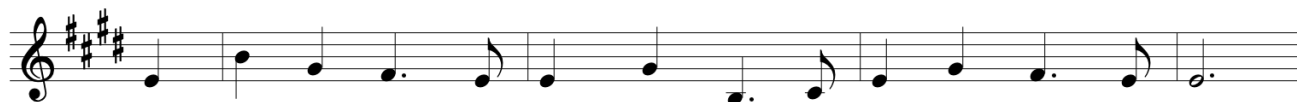
pair, Till in Thy house of prayer, All was made plain.
sweet, Till I, for glo - ry meet, In glo - ry stand.
pears, And will to end - less years My por - tion be.
rest, Shall be in praise con - fessed For - ev - er - more.

CCLI #11121087 Text: Psalm 73, Unknown; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2012

Psalm of the Month—Psalm 50



The might - y God, the Lord, hath spo - ken un - to all;—
Our God shall sure - ly come, and si - lence shall not keep;—
“To - geth - er let My saints un - to Me gath - ered be,——



from ris - ing to the set - ting sun, He un - to Earth doth call.
be - fore Him fire shall waste, and storms tem - pes - tuous round Him sweep.
those that by sac - ri - fice have made a cov - e - nant with Me.”



From Zi - on, His own hill, where per - fect beau - ty dwells,
He to the heav'ns a - bove shall then send forth His call,
Then shall the heav'ns de - clare His righ - teous - ness a - broad;



Je - ho - vah hath His glo - ry shown, in bright - ness that ex - cels.
and like - wise to the Earth, that He may judge His peo - ple all.
be - cause the Lord Him - self is judge, yea, none is judge, but God.

Text: *The Scottish Psalter*, 1650; Music: 17th c. Scottish Melody, Adapted GDW 1998.

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*

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—The Lord is King



The Lord is King! lift up thy voice, O
The Lord is King! who then shall dare Re - -
The Lord is King! Child of the dust, The
He reigns! ye saints, ex - - - alt your strains; Your



earth; and all ye heav'ns, re - jice! From world to world the
sist His will, dis - trust His care, Or mur - mur at His
Judge of all the earth is just; Ho - - ly and true are
God is King, your Fa - ther reigns; Through earth and Heav'n one



joy shall ring, "The Lord om - ni - po - tent is King."
wise de - crees, Or doubt His ro - yal pro - mi - ses?
all His ways; Let ev - ery crea - ture speak His praise.
song shall ring, "The Lord om - ni - po - tent is King!"

Text: Josiah Conder, 1824; Music: ROCKBRIDGE, Harmonia Sacra, this version ©2010.

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 Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine up - on you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The
Lord be gra - cious to you. The Lord turn His face to - ward you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.

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Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here and would love the opportunity to welcome you personally. We invite you to fill out the visitor card available in the pew in front of you. Please drop it in the offering boxes at either chapel entrance as you leave.

Focus on Church Ministry

Cornerstone Ministry Expansion Team

The Cornerstone Ministry Expansion Team would love to hear your thoughts and be encouraged by your prayers as we continue to seek the Lord's will in the expansion of Cornerstone's ministries. To that end, we have established an email address specifically for that purpose. Feel free to drop us a line there: expansion@cstonepres.org

The Cornerstone School of Discipleship

Core Class—The Christian Hope in a Secular Age: Engaging Unbelief with the Hope of the Gospel (302) In this course we will explore the topic of "apologetics." Come and join us as we learn together how to thoughtfully and charitably engage some of the big questions of our day with the hope of the gospel.

Elective Class—A Match Made in Heaven: Pursuing a Lifetime of Love (The Chapel) Pastor Nate will present the Bible's vision for marital oneness while addressing key reasons couples fail to experience the oneness God intends. Only imperfect couples allowed!

Thanksgiving and Advent Choir

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:15 p.m. (after Vespers) to prepare for a Community Thanksgiving Service with surrounding PCA churches as well as our typical Lessons & Carols service in December. Choir is a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the church while we prepare music to lead God's people in worship. Contact: Greg Wilbur at greg@cstonepres.org

Men's Studies Starting the Week of September 19

Brothers, join us this fall as we course our way through *Walking in Union with Christ*. In this nine-week series, you will discover how the gospel transforms the way you understand the mind, body, words, family, friendship, vocation, goods, and time. There are several day, time, and location options. Please register for a particular group and find all the details on the church website or app.

Cornerstone Youth

The Youth Group has two opportunities, September 24 and November 12, to volunteer for a few hours at Graceworks Ministries. All 7th-12th graders are encouraged to sign up for one or both Saturdays through the link on the website or app.

Midweek at Cornerstone

Midweek at Cornerstone will resume for ten weeks this fall beginning September 14. Make plans to gather with your Cornerstone family for a catered dinner followed by Kids Club, Youth Group, Vespers, and Choir. Dinner registration for this week is open online and will close Monday at noon.

Servant Group International & Cornerstone Women

Come to Cornerstone September 22 at 6 p.m. to help assemble sewing kits for the "Sew for Hope" classes at SGI while enjoying some fellowship with your sisters. No sewing knowledge is required! This is a perfect opportunity for youth aged ladies to serve as well. So that the team from SGI can prepare the appropriate amount of materials, please let us know you're planning to attend by signing up online through the website or app.

We also have the opportunity to participate in "Walk and Talk" on October 8 and 15. South Nashville is home to many refugee women who would love the chance to get out and exercise, practice their English, and make a new friend. Opportunities for exercise and fellowship are very limited for these ladies; help make a difference in the lives of our newest neighbors! Registration is required. www.servantgroup.org/walk

Mozart and Friends Concert

On Sunday September 18 at 2:00 p.m., flutist Madeline Cawley and the Harvest Arts Chamber Ensemble will present a beautiful afternoon of classical music in The Chapel. You are invited to join them for this two-year anniversary celebration of sharing concerts with the community! "Mozart and Friends" is a ticketed event. Tickets can be secured online via Eventbrite.

Fall Devotional

This new devotional will guide us all the way to Advent and is available at both chapel entrances. It includes scripture passages to read for Sunday through Friday and suggestions for morning and evening prayer. It is also available as a downloadable PDF on the church website and app.

Today's message, "Drawing Close to a Holy God" is taken from Exodus 19:1-25. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG)

- In vs. 4-6, there is an order that holds true throughout the Scripture: God saves, we obey, and blessing follows. What does this order communicate? What would happen if the order was reversed?
- Alec Motyer says that obedience is the path by which we "...enjoy the benefits and privileges of being God's people." Unpack this idea a bit and ask yourself, "How would believing this change the way I approach obeying God?"
- Exodus 19 is a vivid description of the holiness of God. When we say God is holy, what do we mean?
- The display of God's holiness in Exodus 19 can be unnerving. Is it a good sign to be unnerved by God's holiness?
- Despite the people's obedience and preparation to meet with God, none of their efforts could ever make them holy enough to enter the presence of a holy God. How does Jesus Christ, the greater-than-Moses mediator, truly make us "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (v. 6)?

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