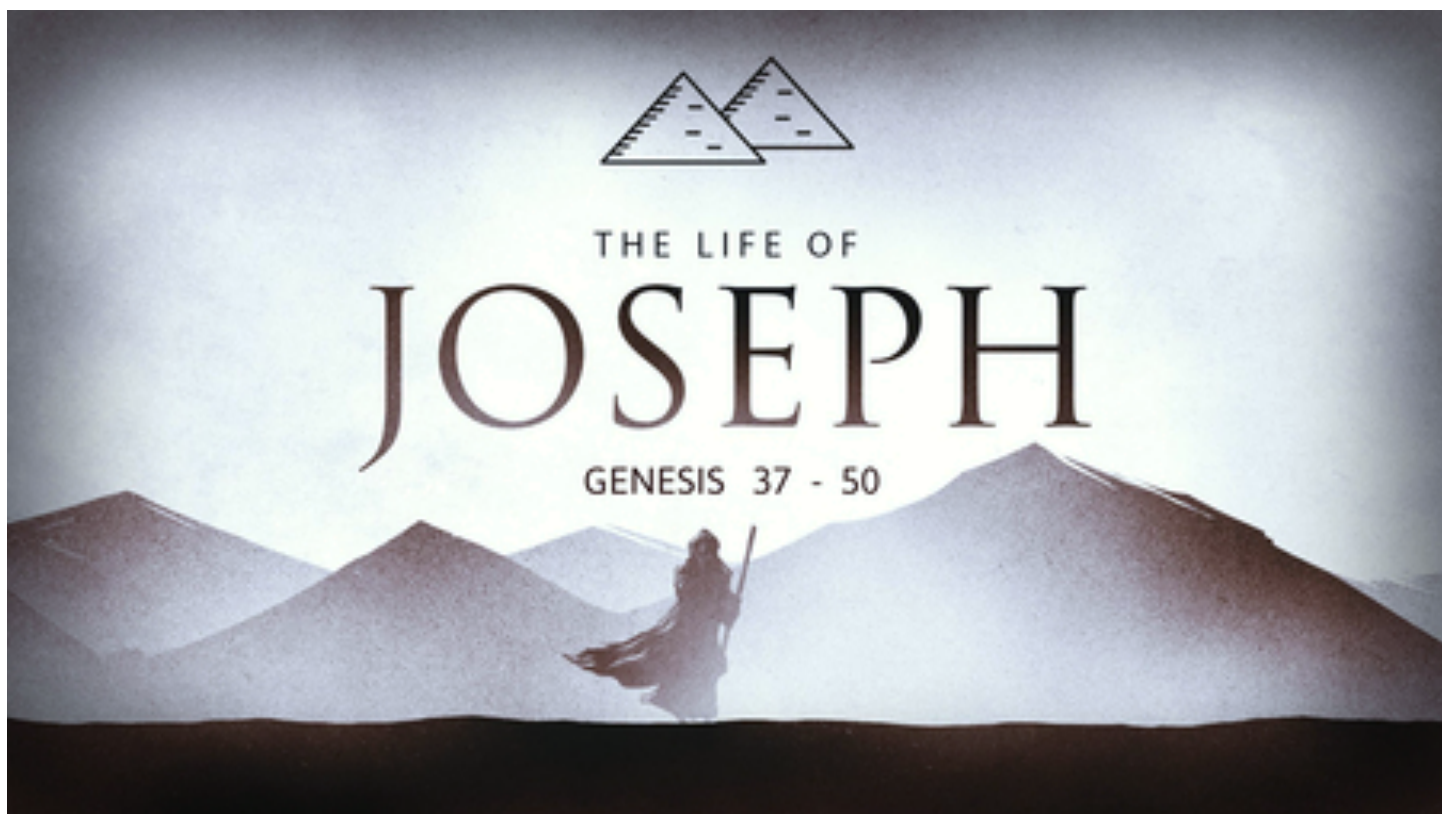




# CORNERSTONE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

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## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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*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—Psalm 119:41-48

Pastor: Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise;

All: then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word.

Pastor: And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules.

All: I will keep your law continually, forever and ever,  
and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts.

Pastor: I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame,

All: for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.

Pastor: I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love,

All: and I will meditate on your statutes.

#### Hymn of Praise—O For a Thousand Tongues, Vs I & 2

O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that  
He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he  
He speaks and, list' - ning to his voice, new  
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
sets the pris - 'ner free; his blood can make the  
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken  
loos - en'd tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.  
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.  
hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829, Arr. By Lowell Mason, 1839.

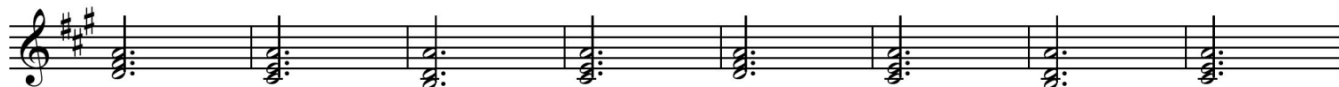
## Hymn of Praise—Come Ye that Love the Savior's Name



Come, ye that love the Sav - ior's Name, And joy to make it known,  
Be - hold your Lord, your Mas - ter, crowned With glo - ries all di - vine;  
When, in His earth - ly courts, we view The glo - ries of our King,  
And shall we long and wish in vain? Lord, teach our songs to rise:



The Sov-'reign of your hearts pro - claim, And bow be - fore His throne.  
And tell the won-d'ring na - tions round How bright those glo - ries shine.  
We long to love as an - gels do, And wish like them to sing.  
Thy love can an - i - mate the strain, And bid it reach the skies.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - - - - - ia!

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## Old Testament Reading—Jeremiah 29:4-7

<sup>4</sup>“Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

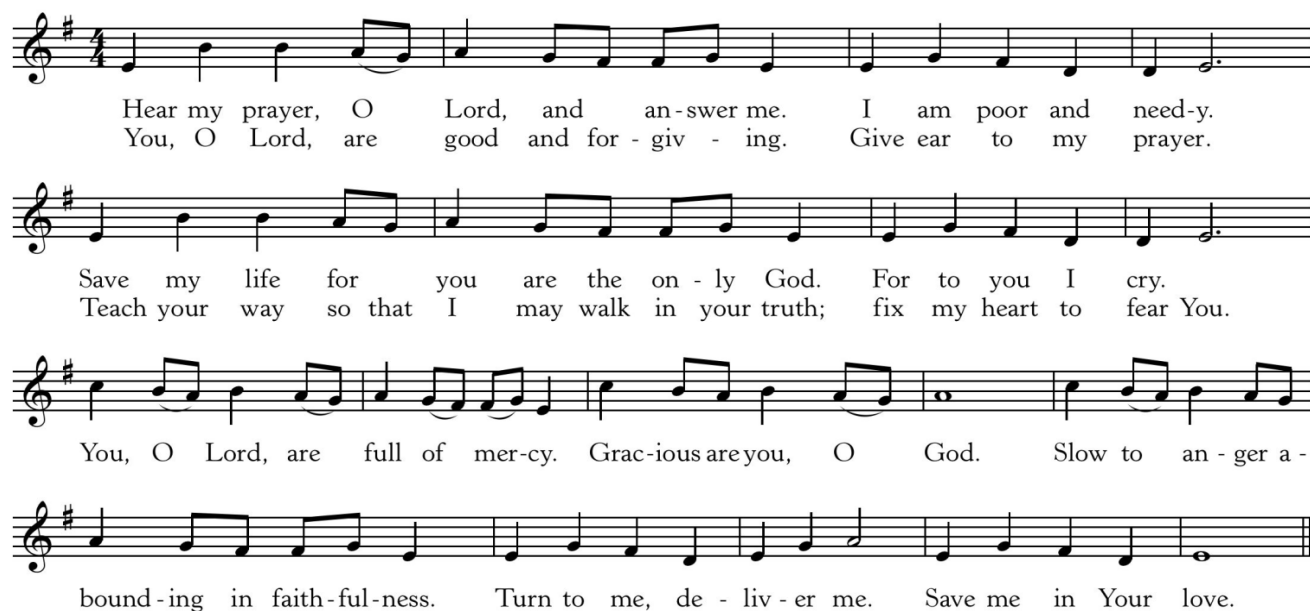
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

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)



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 Confession of Sin—based on James 4:I-10

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing.

We quarrel and fight because our passions are at war with in us.

All: We desire what we do not have, and we do not let anyone or anything get in our way.

Pastor: We ask but do not receive, because we ask wrongly—

in order to spend it on our own passions.

We forget that friendship with the world is enmity with You, O Lord.

All: Therefore, if we wish to be a friend of the world  
we make ourselves to be an enemy of You.

Pastor: You tell us that You yearn jealously over the spirit You have made to dwell in us.

All: But You give more grace for You oppose the proud but give grace to the humble.

Pastor: We pray for the grace to submit ourselves to You.  
To resist the devil so that he will flee from us.

All: We know that as we draw near to You, You will draw near to us.

Pastor: Cleanse our hands for we are sinners; purify our hearts for we are double-minded.

All: We are wretched, we mourn, and we weep over our sins.


Pastor: We humble ourselves before You, and we trust that You will exalt us.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—I John 1:7-9

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Psalm of the Month for September—Psalm 40: I Waited Patient



I wait - ed pa - tient for the Lord, He bowed to hear my cry;  
*Firm on a rock He made me stand, And taught my cheer - ful tongue*  
How man - y are Thy thoughts of love! Thy mer - cies, Lord, how great!

He saw me rest - ing on His Word, And brought sal - va - tion nigh.  
*To praise the won - ders of His hand, In a new thank - ful song.*  
We have not words nor hours e - nough Their num - bers to re - peat.

He raised me from a hor - rid pit, Where mourn - ing long I lay,  
*I'll spread His works of grace a - broad; The saints with joy shall hear,*  
When I'm af - flict - ed, poor, and low, And light and peace de - part,

And from my bonds re - leased my feet, Deep bonds of mir - y clay.  
*And sin - ners learn to make my God Their on - ly hope and fear.*  
My God be - holds my hea - vy woe, And bears me on His heart.

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

## GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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### The Reading of the Word—Genesis 41:41-57

<sup>41</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.” <sup>42</sup> Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck. <sup>43</sup> And he made him ride in his second chariot. And they called out before him, “Bow the knee!” Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. <sup>44</sup> Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” <sup>45</sup> And Pharaoh called Joseph’s name Zaphenath-paneah. And he gave him in marriage Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. So Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

<sup>46</sup> Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt. <sup>47</sup> During the seven plentiful years the earth produced abundantly, <sup>48</sup> and he gathered up all the food of these seven years, which occurred in the land of Egypt, and put the food in the cities. He put in every city the food from the fields around it. <sup>49</sup> And Joseph stored up grain in great abundance, like the sand of the sea, until he ceased to measure it, for it could not be measured.

<sup>50</sup> Before the year of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph. Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore them to him. <sup>51</sup> Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh. “For,” he said, “God has made me forget all my hardship and all my father’s house.” <sup>52</sup> The name of the second he called Ephraim, “For God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

<sup>53</sup> The seven years of plenty that occurred in the land of Egypt came to an end, <sup>54</sup> and the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. There was famine in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. <sup>55</sup> When all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do.”

<sup>56</sup> So when the famine had spread over all the land, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. <sup>57</sup> Moreover, all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe over all the earth.

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 52

*Faithfulness at the Top*

—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.

## 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

WOMEN

MEN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho

san - nah in the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est. A - men.

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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,<sup>1</sup> but belong—  
body and soul, in life and in death<sup>2</sup>—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.<sup>3</sup>  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,<sup>4</sup>  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.<sup>5</sup>  
He also watches over me in such a way<sup>6</sup>  
that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;<sup>7</sup>  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.<sup>8</sup>  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life<sup>9</sup>  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.<sup>10</sup>

1 I Cor. 6:19-20

2 Rom. 14:7-9

3 I Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14

4 I Pet. 1:18-19; I John 1:7-9; 2:2

5 John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; I John 3:1-11

6 Jn 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; I Pet. 1:5

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

8 Rom. 8:28

9 Rom 8:15-16; 2 Cor 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph 1:13-14

10 Rom. 8:1-17

## Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

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### 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.*

### Hymn of Communion—Give Me Jesus

1. In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn -  
 - ing when I rise give me Je - - - - sus.

**Chorus**  
 Give me Je - - - - sus, give me Je - - - - sus. You can  
 have all this world, but give me Je - - - - sus.

2. And when I am a-lone, oh, and when I am a-lone, and  
 3. And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die, and

when I am a - lone give me Je - - - - sus.  
 when I come to die give me Je - - - - sus.

Text and Music: African-American Spiritual.

## Hymn of Communion—My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
I love Thee, be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me.  
I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
In man - sions of glo - - - ry and end - less de - light,

For Thee all the fol - - - lies of sin I re - sign.  
And pur - chased my par - - - don on Cal - va - ry's tree;  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lend - est me breath;  
I'll ev - er a - dore Thee in heav - en so bright;

My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sa - vior art Thou;  
I love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow;  
And say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow,  
I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow,

If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

Text: William R. Featherstone, 1864; Music: GORDON, Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876.

### 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.*

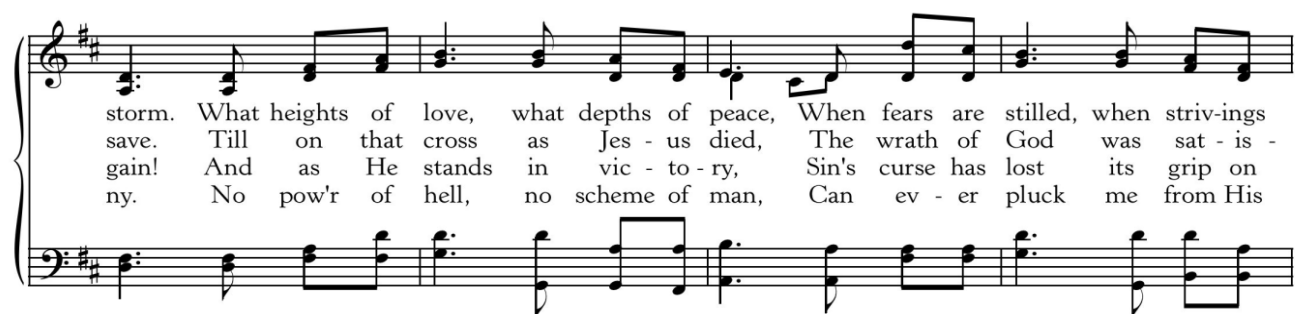
## Hymn of Praise—In Christ Alone



In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my  
In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, Full - ness of God in help - less  
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness  
No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and  
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the ones He came to  
slain; Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a -  
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
save. Till on that cross as Jes - us died, The wrath of God was sat - is -  
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on  
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er pluck me from His



cease! My com - fort - er, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
fied; For ev' - ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.  
me; For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.  
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



# 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—based on 2 Thessalonians 3:3, 5

The Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. *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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Prayer Focus—Mike Fennema (Stephanie) is the church planter and pastor of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church (SHPC) in Spring Hill, TN. SHPC is a church plant of Cornerstone, along with Parish Presbyterian Church and Zion Presbyterian Church. It is a growing community seeking to equip believers to be maturing disciples of Jesus who are using their gifts in multiplying churches. SHPC currently meets for worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 am at Concordia Arts Academy (4615 Thompson's Ridge Rd, Thompson's Station, TN 37179). Sunday School precedes the worship service and begins at 9:00 am. Men's and women's discipleship groups meet on a weekly basis. Mike has asked that Cornerstone pray for SHPC in the following ways:

- Continued to grow in grace and our understanding of the gospel.
- Help in discovering our gifts and having the courage to use them together as a body.
- Building of gospel relationships with other churches in Spring Hill.
- Developing the future leaders for the future of SHPC.
- Bring new families and visitors to our church, particularly through evangelism.

## Taking the Message Home

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Today's message, "Faithfulness at the Top" is taken from Genesis 41:41-57. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- How is Pharaoh's promotion of Joseph both a fulfillment of God's promise and a temptation to worldliness?
- How is Joseph an example of what it means to be in the world but not of the world?
- It has been argued that it's easier to keep faith in the pit than at the pinnacle. Why is that often the case? What spiritual struggles rise up for you when successful?
- Joseph's actions in this passage are based on knowledge of what God has promised He will do. What does this teach you about the relationship between faith and works?
- How was Jesus Christ prefigured and the gospel glimpsed in this text?
- What was your most important takeaway from today's message?

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