



# CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL  
*The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time*  
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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—Glory Be to the Father, Vs I

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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#### Call to Worship—Psalm 118:1, 5-9

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.

Pastor: The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

All: The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

Pastor: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

All: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

#### Hymn of Praise—Give Thanks to God the Lord

Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call. Make  
Look to the Lord's great strength; re - mem - ber all His deeds. His  
Sing to the Lord, all earth; His sav - ing power pro - claim. De -  
Give thanks to God the Lord; His good - ness now de - clare. He  
known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what He has done for all. Sing  
judg - ments are in all of the earth; He is the Lord in - deed. His  
clare His glo - ry to ev - ery race; His marve - lous deeds now name. For  
saves, de - liv - ers from eve - ry foe; His love en - dures for - e'er. Give

praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro - claim. Re -  
 cov' - nant e'er will stand; His oath He'll ne'er for - get. A  
 great is God the Lord, most worth - y of all praise. He  
 thanks un - to His Name and glo - ry in His praise; Praise

joyce, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.  
 thou - sand gen - er - a - tions pass; God's word con - tin - ues yet.  
 made the heav - ens and the earth; fear Him and give Him praise.  
 to the God of Is - ra - el for ev - er - last - ing days.

Text: Susan H. Peterson, 1999; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

### Hymn of Praise—Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
 Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love; When  
 His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n, The  
 He sits at God's right hand till all His foes sub - mit, And  
 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judge, shall come, And

joyce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more; Lift up your heart, lift  
 He had purged our stains He took His seat a - bove; Lift up your heart, lift  
 keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n; Lift up your heart, lift  
 bow to His com - mand, and fall be - neath His feet: Lift up your heart, lift  
 take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home. Lift up your heart, lift

up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
 up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
 up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
 up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
 up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770.

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

## New Testament Reading—Hebrews 13:1-6

Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?”

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

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.

### Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Romans 3:10-18 & I Peter 3:10-11

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Your Word tells us that none is righteous, no not one;  
no one understands; no one seeks for You.

All: All have turned aside; together we have become worthless;  
no one does good, not even one.”

Pastor: Our throats are open graves; we use our tongues to deceive.

All: Our mouths are full of curses and bitterness.

Pastor: Our feet are swift to shed blood; in our paths are ruin and misery.

All: The way of peace we have not known. There is no fear of God before our eyes.

Pastor: Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;

All: Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—based on I Peter 3:12 & II Chronicles 6:39

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. From heaven Your dwelling place, You hear our prayers and our pleas and You sustain us and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.

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

### Hymn of Promise—Rock of Ages



Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
Not the la - bor of my hands Can ful - fill Thy\_\_ law's de-mands;  
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy\_\_ cross I cling;  
While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eyes shall\_\_ close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no re - spite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less look to thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and\_\_ power.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the Foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I\_\_ die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in\_\_ Thee.

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Music: NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP, James Ward, 1984.

### The Reading of the Word—Genesis 20

**20** From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. <sup>2</sup> And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.” And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. <sup>3</sup> But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, “Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife.” <sup>4</sup> Now Abimelech had not approached her. So he said, “Lord, will you kill an innocent people? <sup>5</sup> Did he not himself say to me, ‘She is my sister’? And she herself said, ‘He is my brother.’ In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this.” <sup>6</sup> Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her. <sup>7</sup> Now then, return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.”

<sup>8</sup> So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things. And the men were very much afraid. <sup>9</sup> Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, “What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done.” <sup>10</sup> And Abimelech said to Abraham, “What did you see, that you did this thing?” <sup>11</sup> Abraham said, “I did it because I thought, ‘There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.’ <sup>12</sup> Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. <sup>13</sup> And when God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, ‘This is the kindness you must do me: at every place to which we come, say of me, ‘He is my brother.’”

<sup>14</sup> Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him. <sup>15</sup> And Abimelech said, “Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you.” <sup>16</sup> To Sarah he said, “Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is a sign of your innocence in the eyes of all who are with you, and before everyone you are vindicated.” <sup>17</sup> Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. <sup>18</sup> For the LORD had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

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 28

*Fear God, Not Man*

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

## Sung Response—O Praise the Father

O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.  
 And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

## 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—Sanctus

WOMEN Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,  
 MEN 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  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho

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

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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. Take the bread at the first table & then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.*

### Hymn of Communion—Psalm of the Month: O Thank the Lord (Psalm 105)



O thank the Lord; on His name call. His deeds tell peo - ples all. O  
Re - mem - ber all His won - drous deeds, The works that He has done, The  
He on - ly is the Lord our God; His judg - ments fill the land. He  
A law to Ja - cob He con - firmed, A bond for Is - ra - el: "I



sing to Him, sing psalms to Him, His won - ders all re - call. Let  
right - eous judg - ments of His mouth His mir - a - cles each one. O  
keeps in mind His cov - e - nant That it may al - ways stand. A  
will to you give Ca - naan's land, Where you as heir may dwell." Let



hearts that seek the Lord re - joice, His ho - ly name a - dore. O  
you, the seed of Ab - ra - ham, God's ser - vant: you, his sons, And  
thou - sand ag - es to en - dure Com - mand - ed He His word, With  
hearts that seek the Lord re - joice, His ho - ly name a - dore. O



seek Je - ho - vah and His strength, His face seek ev - er - more.  
all who sons of Ja - cob are, His own, His cho - sen ones.  
A - brah'm made a cov - e - nant, The pro - mise I - saac heard.  
seek Je - ho - vah and His strength, His face seek ev - er - more.

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Music: Johnson's *Tennessee Harmony*, 1818; adapt. 2012 © greyfriarspress@gmail.com



## Hymn of Communion—What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and  
won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the  
when from death I'm free I'll sing on; and when from death I'm  
this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful  
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the  
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni -  
curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
theme, I will sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Text: American Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, *Southern Harmony*, 1835.

### 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—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love di - vine, — all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth — come down;  
Breathe, O breathe — Thy lov - ing Spir - it, In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast!  
Come, Al - mighty - y to de - li - ver, Let us all Thy life — re - ceive;  
Fin - ish, then, — Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let — us be.

Fix in us — thy hum - ble dwell - ing; All thy faith - ful merc - ies crown!  
Let us all — in Thee in - her - it; Let us find the prom - ised rest.  
Sud - den - ly — re - turn and nev - er, Ne - ver more Thy tem - ples leave.  
Let us see — Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored — in Thee;

Je - sus, Thou — art all com - pas - sion, Pure un - bound - ed love — Thou art;  
Take a - way — the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and — O - me - ga be;  
Thee we would — be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as — Thy hosts — a - bove,  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heaven — we take — our place,

Vis - it us — with Thy — sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
End — of faith, — as its — Be - gin - ning, Set our hearts — at lib - er - ty.  
Pray — and praise — Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in — Thy per - fect love.  
Till — we cast — our crowns be - fore — Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747; Music: HYFRYDOL, R.H. Prichard, 1831.

# 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 5:23-24

23 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. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

## 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**— Rebecca Giles, daughter of Tony and Mary Lynn Giles and a missionary with Mission To The World (MTW)'s NEXT ministry, serves our denomination's global missionary families as they transition to and from the field. She is also serves with NEXT's training ministries, providing resources to youth ministers and families around the world.

Please pray for Rebecca & NEXT in the following ways:

- Rebecca was a part of a retreat in Mexico in mid-October, serving MTW's families who minister in Latin America and on North American reservations. A total of ninety youth participated in NEXT's youth program, with Rebecca leading the small group for university students. Pray for the families who gathered in Mexico as they return to their missionary assignments, that they would minister out of renewed energy in the strength of the Lord.
- Using video technology, Rebecca discipled a number of college students as they transition to the US for school; pray for wisdom and discernment in these mentoring relationships.
- The NEXT Team launched a new website this month- [www.youthministrythinking.com](http://www.youthministrythinking.com)- which provides a Reformed, academic, and cross-cultural perspective on ministry for the next generation, offering resources, articles, and book reviews. Pray that this platform will encourage and equip the global church.
- On October 26-27, the Next Institute will host a course on Intergenerational Ministry in St. Louis. Pray for Danny Kwon, Danny Mitchell, and Rebecca Giles as they plan and lead these courses.



## Taking the Message Home

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Today's message, "Fear God, Not Man" is taken from Genesis 20:1-18. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- "The Christian life is learning the same lesson over and over again." How is this principle on display in Genesis 20? How has this principle been true in your own life?
- Fear erodes the faith of Abraham and leads to a faithless plan for survival. Has this ever happened in your life? If so, share with those around you.
- Discuss the difference between managing or coping with our fear rather than facing it. Give an example of the difference if you can.
- What would a biblical strategy for facing fear look like?
- How does God prove yet again that He is the Savior of His people?

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