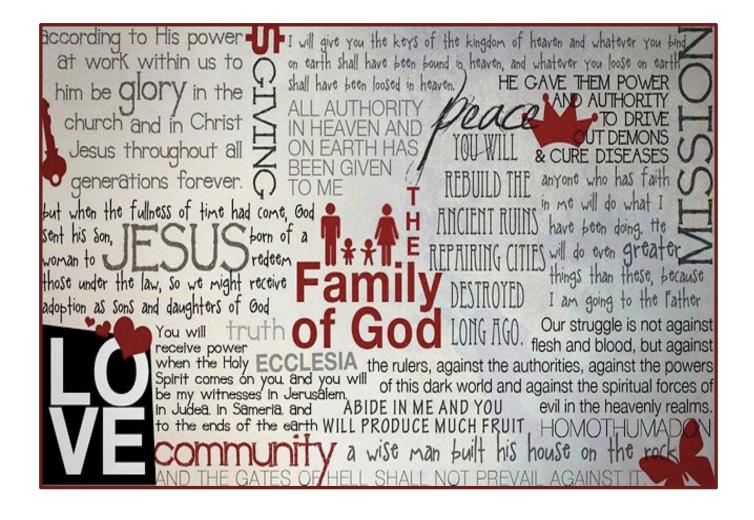


CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service of Celebration and Gospel Renewal
The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time
08 July 2018

Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

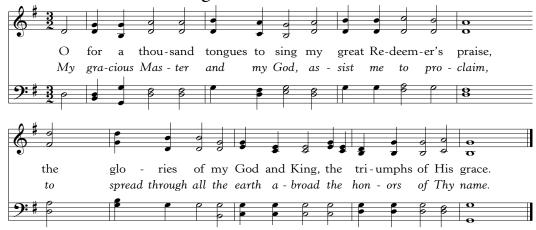
This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

Introit—O For a Thousand Tongues, Vs I & 2



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

Call to Worship—Psalm 135:1-3, 13-14

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord,

All: who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God!

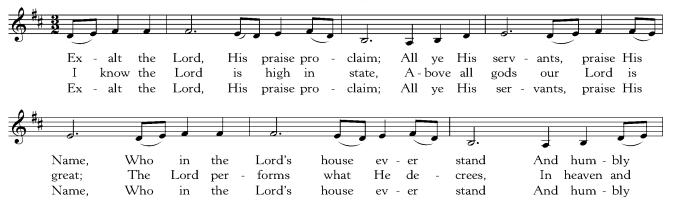
Pastor: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

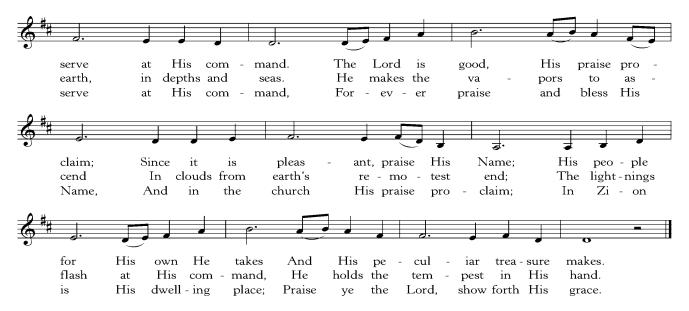
All: sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Pastor: Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.

All: For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 135: Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim





Text: Psalm 135, The Psalter, 1912; Music: TREE OF LIFE, Traditional Shaker Tune.

Hymn of Praise—I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Text: Horatio Bonar, 1846; Music: KINGSFOLD, English Folk Song.

New Testament Reading—Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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—Psalm 139:23-24



Text: Psalm 139, Psalter, 1871; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2006. © 2006 Greyfriars Press, Used by Permission.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 103:8-14, 17-18

Pastor: O Lord, we come to you confessing. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

You will not always chide nor will You keep Your anger forever.

You will not always chide, nor will You keep Your anger forever.

All: Do not repay us according to our sins, nor repay according to our iniquities.

Pastor: As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is Your steadfast love to those who fear You.

All: Remove our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west.

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children,

O Lord, show Your compassion to those who fear You.

All: For You know our frame, You remember that we are dust.

Pastor: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting

on those who fear him,

and his righteousness to children's children,

to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity

and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?

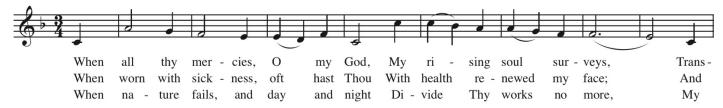
He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

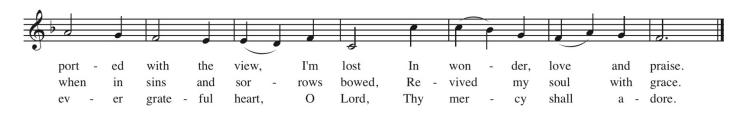
He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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

Hymn of Praise—When All Thy Mercies





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The Reading of the Word—Romans 12:9-15

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

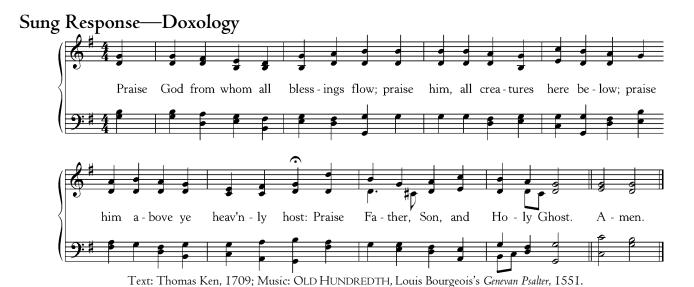
Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—Life in the Family of God, part 6

Weep & Rejoice With One Another

—Nate Shurden, Pastor



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



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Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

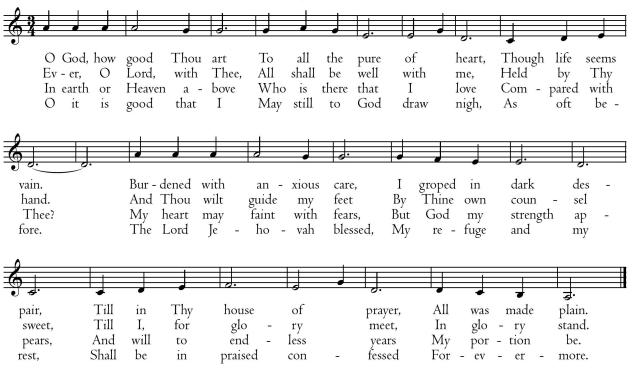
The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

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 73 O God, How Good Thou Art



CCLI #11121087 Text: Psalm 73, The Psalter, 1912: Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2012.

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 Promise—Jesus, Faithful Friend of Sinners



Text: Douglas Bond, 2014; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2014

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 I Thessalonians 3:11-13

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way and may the Lord make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all so that he may establish our hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. *Amen.*

Sung Response—May the Grace of Christ Our Savior



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Prayer Focus—Richie Sessions is the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) campus minister for Vanderbilt University. RUF is the campus ministry organization of the Presbyterian Church in America. RUF has experienced rapid growth the past few years, and currently has I40 chapters at different college campuses spread over 37 states, Mexico, Columbia and the Czech Republic. More than just a ministry on the university, RUF seeks to be a ministry for the university. It strives to serve in this unique stage of a student's life in the world they live in, exploring together how the Lordship of Christ informs every area of life.

- Pray for the RUF students this summer as many are studying abroad.
- Pray for spiritual fruit from a recent RUF Summer Conference. RUF took a diverse group of students that really bonded over the week. Pray that these friendships will spill over into the school year and help to unify the RUF ministry on campus.
- Pray for the Summer RUF as the staff shares the gospel to many students who will be in Nashville over the summer.
- Pray for courage and fruitfulness in support-raising in July.
- Pray for the Sessions family for rest this summer, good friends and a deeper love for Christ.

Today's message, "Weep & Rejoice with One Another" is taken from Romans 12:15. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group.

- We could summarize Paul's words in Romans 12:15 as a call to enter into one another life's experiences? Take a moment to discuss what entering into one another's life experiences looks like.
- Can you give an example of a time when someone truly shared in your joy? What about your sorrow? Thinking back on those moments, what did you gain from their loving sympathy/empathy?
- What is it that keeps us from entering into one another's joys and sorrows more freely? How might we overcome this?
- How does the gospel enter into and overcome our greatest sorrow? How does it also act as an invitation into our greatest rejoicing?
- How is the Lord calling you to respond to today's message?

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