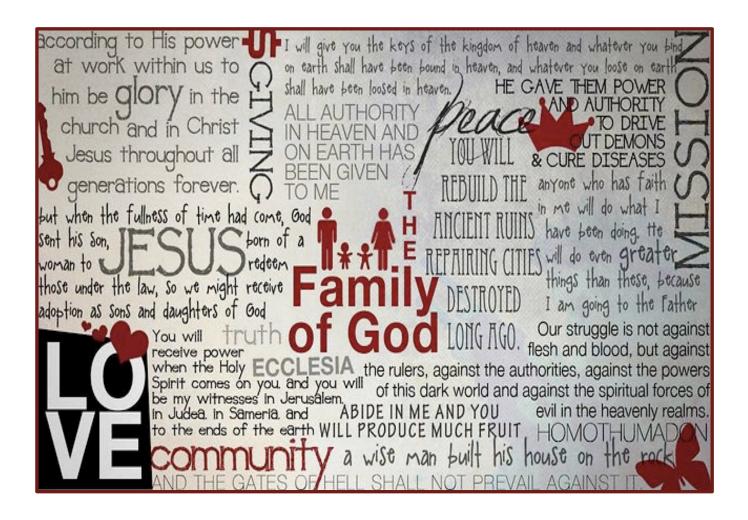


# CORNERSTONE Presbyterian Church



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time I5 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.

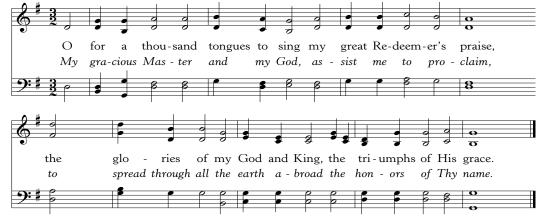
This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

# 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 34:1-3, 8, 11-14

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

# All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

#### All: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

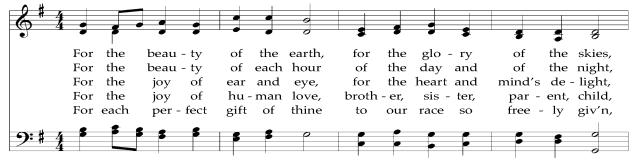
Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

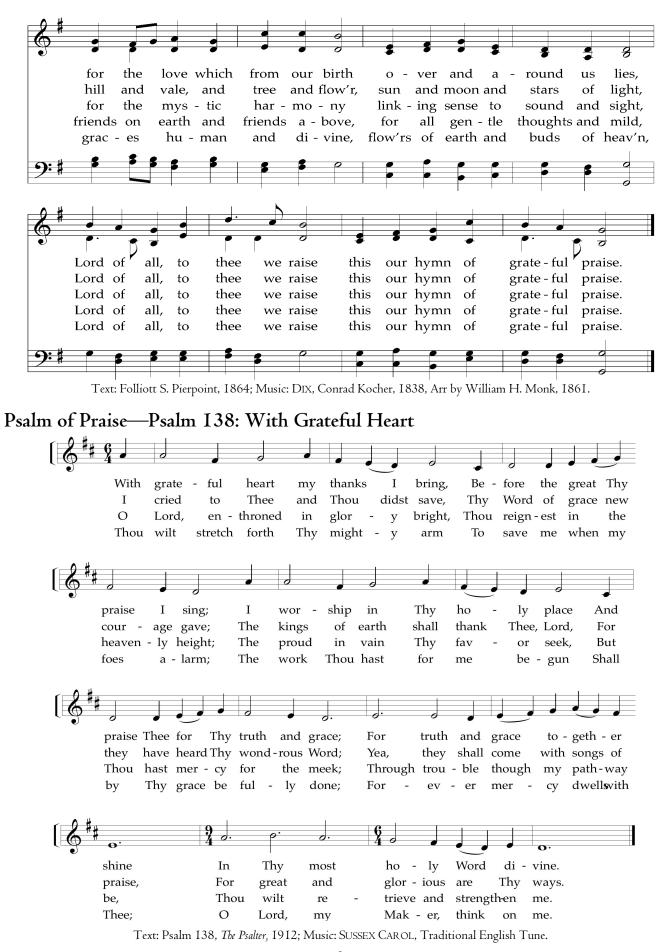
All: What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

Pastor: Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

# Hymn of Praise—For the Beauty of the Earth





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

# New Testament Reading—Colossians 3:12-15

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

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.

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# 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 Leviticus 19:13-18

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing.

Because You are the Lord and Father of us all, You call us to love our neighbor as ourselves, for we bear Your image.

#### All: Too often we oppress our neighbor or withhold good from them.

Pastor: We fail to love those who are different from us or we put a stumbling block before them.

All: In our self-righteousness we try to hinder their way to You especially those who are of different backgrounds.

Pastor:	We practice injustice because we are partial to the poor or we defer to the great.
	We look at people in categories
	and not as Your children and image bearers.
All:	Too often we try to preserve our own identity and worth
	by slandering others,
	failing to stand up for our neighbor,
	bearing grudges,
	and hating our brothers in our hearts.

Pastor: We position ourselves in a manner to execute justice or vengeance instead of loving Your beloved people who are our neighbors.

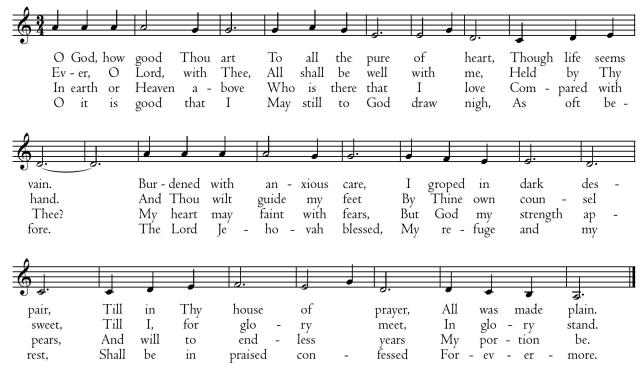
#### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon—I John 3:1, 2, 5

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

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#### Psalm of the Month—Psalm 73 O God, How Good Thou Art



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

# The Reading of the Word-Romans 12:9-16

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

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

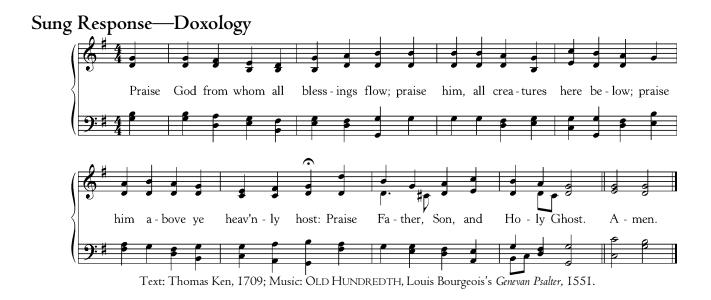
Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

# Sermon—Life in the Family of God, part 7

Live in Harmony

-Tony Giles, Assistant 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.

# Hymn of Praise-What Wondrous Love is This



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

# Hymn of Communion—Bread of Heaven



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#### 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, I Come



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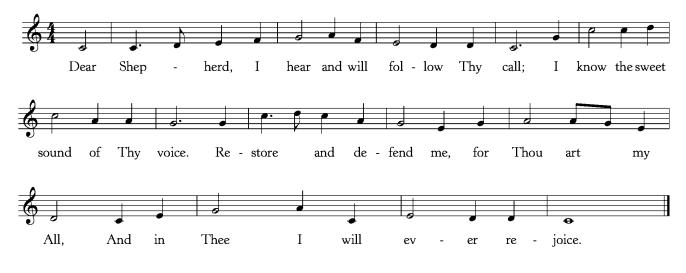
# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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—Romans 15:5-6

<sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.* 

# Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II



Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

**Prayer Focus**—Harvest Prison Ministry (HPM) was founded in 2002 as an outreach of Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church, Mt. Juliet, TN for the sole purpose of preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the men in prison for "the equipping of the saints to do the work of the ministry." Its vision is to see more men reconciled to God and their families, and to aide them both prayerfully and financially to re-enter society enabled by the grace of God to live godly and productive lives.

- Pray for DS, a new convert who is growing in the faith. He was in a violent gang but God delivered him from that association.
- Praise for RG, an inmate who is a strong follower of Christ and shares his faith with others around him.
- Pray for RV, an inmate and new convert, who murdered his mother and has a number of mental issues.
- Praise for GS, who was recently released, is living with a Christian family and has a job.

Today's message, "Live in Harmony" is taken from Romans 12:16. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends or Home Fellowship Group.

- Read 2 Corinthians I3:II, Philippians 2:2; 4:2. What does it mean to "be of the same mind" with one another? How might pride stand in the way of that?
- What are some reasons that we need those most different from ourselves? See I Corinthians 12:7-25.
- Read Ephesians 4:I-3. Notice that we are to be eager to "maintain" the unity of (created by) the Spirit. How does the Spirt create unity? What from our passage today in Rom 12:16 is vital for maintaining unity?
- How can we simultaneously disagree and love those with who we disagree? Can you give an example? How might the maxim "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity" help us?
- How does today's message challenge you? Take some time to ask the Lord to work this into us as a congregation and to you personally.

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