



# CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL  
*The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time*  
19 August 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—Give Thanks to God the Lord, Vs I

Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call. Make known a - mong the  
 peo - ple on earth what He has done for all. Sing praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro -  
 claim. Re - joice, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.

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

#### Call to Worship—from Psalm 25:1-5

Pastor: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

All: Let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Pastor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
 they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

All: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Pastor: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

All: For you I wait all the day long.

#### Hymn of Praise—O Worship the King, Vs 1-5

O wor - ship the King, all glor - ious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the  
 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, Your  
 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the  
 Frail child - ren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In You do we

sing His power— and His love; Our Shield and De - fend - er, the  
 light, Whose can - o - py space, His char - iots of wrath the deep  
 power has found - ed of old; Es - tab - lished it fast by a  
 air, it shines— in the light; It streams from the hills, it de -  
 trust, nor find— You to fail; Your mer - cies how ten - der, how

An - cient of Days, Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 thun - der - clouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
 change - less de - cree, And round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 scends to the plain, And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew— and the rain.  
 firm to the end, Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Text: From Psalm 104, Robert Grant, 1833; Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806,  
 Arr. In William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815.

### Hymn of Praise—O Put Your Trust In God

O put your trust in God, in du - ty's path go on; Walk in His strength with  
*Though years on years roll on, His cov' - nant shall en - dure; Though clouds and dark - ness*  
 Through waves, and clouds, and storms, His power will clear your way; Wait on His time, the

faith and hope, so shall your work be done. Com - mit your ways to Him, your  
*hide His path, The prom - ised grace is sure. Give to the winds your fears; hope,*  
 dark - est night shall end in bright - est day. Leave to His sover - eign sway to

works in - to His hands, And rest on His un - chang - ing Word, who Heav'n and Earth com - mands.  
*and be un - dis - mayed; God bears your sighs and counts your tears; God shall lift up your head.*  
 choose and to com - mand; So shall you, wond'ring, own His way, how wise, how strong His hand.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1656; Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915.

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

## Old Testament Reading—Proverbs 2:6-15

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
<sup>7</sup>he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,  
<sup>8</sup>guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.  
<sup>9</sup>Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path;  
<sup>10</sup>for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;  
<sup>11</sup>discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,  
<sup>12</sup>delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech,  
<sup>13</sup>who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,  
<sup>14</sup>who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil,  
<sup>15</sup>men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.

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—Search Me, O God

Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day;  
Lord, take my life, and make it whol - ly thine;

try me, O Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray.  
fill my poor heart with thy great love di - vine.

See if there be some wick - ed way in me;  
Take all my will, my pas - sion, self, and pride;

cleanse me from eve - ry sin and set me free.  
I now sur - ren - der, Lord. In me a - bide.

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### Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 25:4-II, 18

Pastor: Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.

All: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;  
for you we wait all the day long.

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

**All:** Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions;  
 according to your steadfast love remember us,  
 for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**Pastor:** The LORD is good and upright; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**All:** He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**Pastor:** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
 for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**All:** For your name's sake, O LORD, You pardon our great guilt.

**Pastor:** You consider our afflictions and our trouble, and you forgive all our sins.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 28:6-9

Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
 my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his people;  
 he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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

### Psalm for August—Psalm 22:27-31 All Earth to Him

All earth to Him shall hom - age bring, The Lord of

lords, and the King of kings. The ends of all the  
 For His the king - dom,  
 Both rich and poor, both  
 The Lord's un - fail - ing

earth shall hear And turn un - to the Lord in fear; All kin - dreds  
 His of right, He rules the na - tions by His might; All earth to  
 bond and free Shall wor - ship Him on bend - ed knee, And child - ren's  
 right - eous - ness All gen - er - a - tions shall con - fess, From age to

of the earth shall own And wors - hip Him as God a - lone.  
 Him her hom - age brings, The Lord of lords, the King of kings.  
 child - ren shall pro - claim The glor - ious hon - or of His Name.  
 age shall all be taught What won - drous works the Lord has wrought.

## Mission Report—Raising the Roof Academy, Rachel Hardin

### GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

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#### The Reading of the Word—Genesis 13:1-18

**13** So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

<sup>2</sup>Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. <sup>3</sup>And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, <sup>4</sup>to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, <sup>6</sup>so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, <sup>7</sup>and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

<sup>8</sup>Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. <sup>9</sup>Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." <sup>10</sup>And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) <sup>11</sup>So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. <sup>12</sup>Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. <sup>13</sup>Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord.

<sup>14</sup>The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, <sup>15</sup>for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. <sup>16</sup>I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. <sup>17</sup>Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." <sup>18</sup>So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

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 19

*Choose Wisely*

—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.

## 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—Let Glory Be to God on High



Let glo - ry be to God on high: Peace be on earth as  
O Lord, the sole be - got - ten Son, Who bore the crimes which  
Have mer - cy on us, through Thy blood; Re - ceive our prayer, O

in the sky; Good will to men! We bow the knee,  
we had done; Son of the Fa - ther, who wast slain  
Lamb of God! For Thou art ho - - ly; Thou a - lone,

We praise, we bless, we wor - ship Thee; We give Thee thanks, Thy  
To take a - way the sins of men; O Lamb of God, whose  
At God's right hand, up - on His throne, In all His glo - ry,

name we sing, Al - might - y Fa - ther! Heav'n - ly King!  
blood was spilt For all the world, and all its guilt—  
art a - dored, With Thee, O Ho - ly Ghost, one Lord.

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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.*

### 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.



## Hymn of Communion—Come Ye Sinners



Come, ye sin - ners, — poor and need - y, Weak and wound-ed, — sick and sore;  
 Come, ye thirst - y, — come, and wel - come, God's free bount - y — glor - i - fy;  
 Come, ye wear - y, — heav - y lad - en, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, — love and power.  
 True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. —  
 If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er — come at all. —  
 All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him. —



I will a - rise and — go to Je - sus, He will embrace me — in His — arms;



In the arms — of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1712-1768; Music: Southern Harmony, 1835.

## Hymn of Communion—Not What My Hands Have Done



Not what my hands have done can save my guil - ty soul; Not  
*Your voice a - lone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace; Your*  
**Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; Thy**  
*I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love di - vine; And*  
 I praise the God of grace; I trust His truth and might; He



what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole. Not  
*power a - lone, O Son of God, can all my sin e - raise. No*  
**blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace with - in. Thy**  
*with un - fal - tering lip and heart I call this Sav - ior mine. His*  
 calls me His, I call Him mine, My God, my joy and light. 'Tis



what I feel or do can give me peace with God; Not all my prayers and  
*oth - er work but Yours, no oth - er blood will do; No strength but that which*  
**love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee, Can rid me of this**  
*cross dis - pels each doubt; I bur - y in His tomb Each thought of un - be -*  
 He Who save - th me, and free - ly par - don gives; I love be - cause He



sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.  
*is di - vine can bear me safe - ly through.*  
**dark un - rest, And set my spir - it free.**  
*lief and fear, each lin - gering shade of*  
 lov - eth me, I live be - cause He lives.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1861; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2013.

# 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 Communion—Chosen Seed and Zion's Children



Chos-en\_\_ seed and\_\_ Zi - on's\_\_ child-ren, Ran - somed\_\_ from e - ter - nal wrath,  
Still re - joice a - mid thy\_\_ tri - als, Nor\_\_ re - gard thy\_\_ lot a - miss;  
Pleas-ant - ly thy\_\_ lines have\_\_ fall - en Un - der - neath the\_\_ tree of life:  
May we\_\_ mem-bers\_\_ of one\_\_ bod - y, Grow\_\_ in - to a\_\_ per - fect whole;



Trav' - ling\_\_ to the\_\_ heav'n-ly\_\_ Can-aan On\_\_ a\_\_ rough and\_\_ thorn - y path;  
For the\_\_ kind and\_\_ lov - ing\_\_ Sav - ior Is\_\_ the\_\_ source of\_\_ all thy bliss;  
For the\_\_ Lord is\_\_ thy sal - va - tion, And\_\_ thy\_\_ shield in\_\_ all thy strife:  
Grant, O\_\_ Lord, that\_\_ in Thy\_\_ peo - ple, There\_\_ may\_\_ be one\_\_ heart and soul.



Church of God, in Christ e - lect - ed, Thou to God art\_\_ re - con - ciled,  
May He ev - er be thy\_\_ por - tion, He Who gave thee\_\_ life and\_\_ breath:  
Here the tim - id bird finds\_\_ shel - ter, Here the swal - low\_\_ finds a\_\_ nest;  
Who hath faith shall see sal - va - tion, Who hath love shall\_\_ life ob - tain.



But on\_\_ earth thou art a\_\_ strang - er, Per - se - cu - ted\_\_ and re - viled.  
In His keep - ing fear no\_\_ e - vil Now\_\_ or\_\_ in the\_\_ hour of death.  
Tremb - ling fu - gi - tive a\_\_ re - fuge, And\_\_ the\_\_ wear - y\_\_ pil - grimrest.  
May, O\_\_ Lord, Thy love poss - ess us, And\_\_ Thy\_\_ Spir - it\_\_ in us reign.

Text: Anders C. Rutström, 1721-1772, Trans by Claude W. Foss, 1855-1935; Music: American Folk Melody.

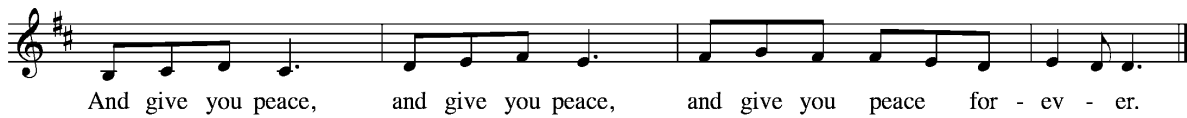
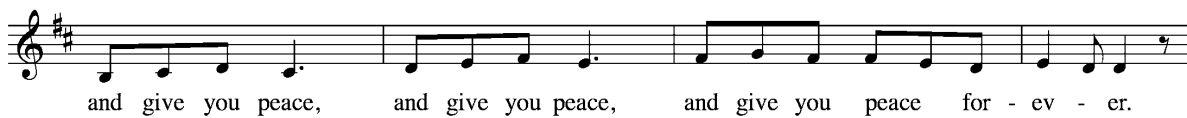
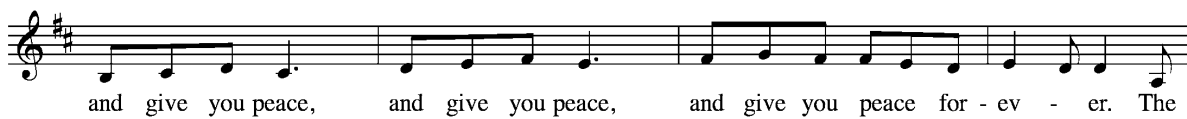
# GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

*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

<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. *Amen.*

## Sung Response—Barocha (Numbers 6:24)



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**Prayer Focus**—Ross Lockwood is the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) campus minister at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. RUF is the campus ministry organization of the Presbyterian Church in America. RUF has experienced rapid growth the past few years, and currently has 140 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. Ross has asked for Cornerstone to pray in the following areas:

- Interns Matt Horne and Cathy Clark are able to raise the needed support.
- A successful move into a new house so Ross and Ann Todd can better demonstrate the hospitality of Christ to the students.
- Wisdom as Ross plans events and groups for outreach and connection with incoming freshmen.
- Clarity and wisdom as Ross prepares to preach through a series of Biblical views on sex, dating and relationships in the Fall.
- Successful support raising efforts as the summer ends.



## *Taking the Message Home*

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Today's message, "Choose Wisely" is taken from Genesis 13:1-18. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends, or Home Fellowship Group (HFG).

- We have a tendency to believe that if we just had more money life would be easier. How does this passage demonstrate the opposite? How have you personally experienced this?
- Read Hebrews 13:5 and Matthew 19:16-24. Take a few minutes to reflect on the texts, considering why riches are often a stumbling block to following Jesus Christ.
- Even though Abram had the right to choose what land he wanted first, he didn't do it. He let Lot choose first. Where does one get the freedom to *not* choose first or the best for oneself?
- Lot and Abram both lifted up their eyes (see v. 10 and 14) but it's clear that they were "seeing" with different eyes. Discuss this with those around you.
- How is the tug toward worldliness showing up in your life? How is the Lord calling you to respond to today's message?

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