



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

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo-ry be to God the Son, Glo-ry be to God the". The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "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 24:I-6

Pastor: The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

All: for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Pastor: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

All: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Pastor: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness
from the God of his salvation.

All: Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Hymn of Praise—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 2/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
Praise him for his grace and fa - vor, to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;".

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
 in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Text: From Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, 1834; Music: PRAISE MY SOUL, John Goss, 1869.

Hymn of Praise—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;
 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the good;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;
 It is God: His love looks might - y, But is might - ier than it seems;

There's a kind - ness in His jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
 There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; There is heal - ing in His blood.
 There is joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
 'Tis our Fath - er: and His fond - ness Goes far out be - yond our dreams.

There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in Heaven;
 For the love of God is broad - er Than the mea - sure of our mind;
 Souls of men! why will ye scat - ter Like a crowd of fright - ned sheep?
 Was there ev - er kind - er shep - herd Half so gen - tle, half so sweet,

There is no place where earth's fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 Fool - ish hearts! why will ye wan - der From a love so true and deep?
 As the Sav - ior who would have us Come and gath - er at His feet?

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854; Music: HOLY MANNA, Attr. To William Moore, 1825.

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

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 3

O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
2 many are saying of my soul, “There is no salvation for him in God.” *Selah*
3 But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
4 I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill. *Selah*
5 I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
7 Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God!
For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.
8 Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people! *Selah*
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 Prayer of Confession—based on Romans 2:12-24

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Your law is written on our hearts
but it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before You,
but the doers of the law who will be justified.

All: Our consciences bear witness and our conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse us on the day of judgment.

Pastor: We say we rely on the law and boast in You, O Lord, teaching Your will and approving what is excellent.

All: We guide the blind as a light to those who are in darkness. But we who teach others do not teach ourselves.

Pastor: While we preach about stealing, do we steal? We who say that one must be faithful, are we unfaithful?

All: We say we abhor idols and boast in the law, but we worship things other than You and dishonor You by breaking the law.

Pastor: Cleanse us, O Lord, that we may embody knowledge and truth and truly lead others in Your name.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Isaiah 42:6-7

“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

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

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 67: O God, To Us Show Mercy

O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in Your grace, and
Let all the peo - ples praise You, let all the na - tions sing; in
Let all the peo - ples praise You, let all the na - tions sing. Then
cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of Your face, so
ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring; for
earth in rich a - bun - dance to us her fruit will bring. The
that Your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known, and
You will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous - ness, and
LORD our God will bless us, our God will bless - ing send, and
un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple Your sav - ing grace be shown.
on the earth all na - tions will Your just rule con - fess.
all the earth will fear Him to its re - mot - est end.

Text: Psalm 67, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: MEIRIONYDD, Welsh Hymn Melody, William Lloyd, 1840; alt 2008.

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Genesis 14:17-24

¹⁷ After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,

Possessor of heaven and earth;

²⁰ and blessed be God Most High,

who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹ And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.” ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ ²⁴ I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share.”

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 2I

The Blessing of Melchizedek

—Tony Giles, *Assistant 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. Take the bread at the first table & 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—Psalm 50:1-6: The Mighty God the Lord



The might - y God, the Lord, hath spo - ken un - to all;— from
Our God shall sure - ly come, and si - lence shall not keep;— be -
"To - geth - er let my saints un - to me gath - ered be,— those



ris - ing to the set - ting sun, he un - to earth doth call. From
fore him fire shall waste, and storms tem - pes - tuous round him sweep. He
that by sac - ri - fice have made a cov - e - nant with me." Then



Zi - on, his own hill, where per - fect beau - ty dwells, Je -
to the heav'ns a - bove shall then send forth— his call, and
shall the heav'ns de - clare his right - teous - ness— a - broad; be -



ho - vah hath his glo - ry shown, in bright - ness that ex - cels.
like - wise to the earth, that he may judge his peo - ple all:
cause the Lord him - self is judge, yea, none is judge, but God.

Text: *The Scottish Psalter*, 1650; Music: 17th c. Scottish Melody, Adapted 1998.

Hymn of Communion—Bread of Heaven



Bread of hea - ven Fill me, now And I will hun - ger no _____ more



Bread of hea - ven Fill me, now And I will be re - stored Nev - er



hun - gry _____ Nev - er thirs - ty _____ Nev - er want - ing more _____ Bread of



hea - ven _____ Fill me, now _____ And I will be re - stored

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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—Shepherd of Souls

Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless Thy chos - en pil - grim flock With
We would not live by bread a - lone, But by Thy Word of grace, In
Lord, sup with us in love di - vine; Thy bod - y and Thy blood, That

man - na in the wil - der - ness, With wa - ter from the rock. Hun -
strength of which we tra - vel on To our a - bid - ing place. Be
liv - ing bread, that heav'n - ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food. Be

gry and thirst - y, faint and weak, As Thou when here be - low, Our
known to us in break - ing bread, But do not then de - part; Sav -
known to us in break - ing bread, But do not then de - part; Sav -

souls the joys ce - lest - ial seek Which from Thy sor - rows flow.
ior, a - bid e with us, and spread Thy ta - ble in our heart.
ior, a - bid e with us, and spread Thy ta - ble in our heart.

Text: James Montgomery, 1835; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Tune.

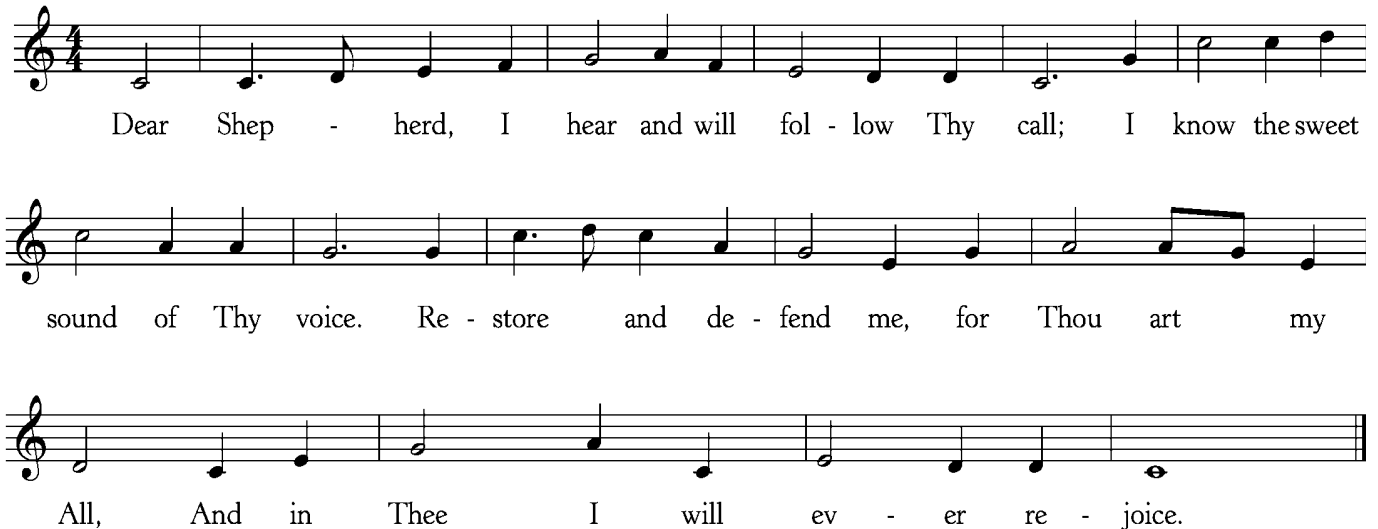
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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 John 3:2-3

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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. *Amen.*

Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II



Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

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

Prayer Focus—Joshua Kines (Emily) is the church planter and senior pastor of Parish Church (PC) in Lafayette, Louisiana, a church plant of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The greater Lafayette area has over 250,000 people and no PCA churches prior to PC being planted in 2016. Joshua has over 10 years experience in church planting including work as a church planter in Peru and Columbia prior to being called to Lafayette. He and Emily have been blessed by the Lord with six children.

- Praise for the recent increase in visitors and newly committed core group members as well as continued prayer for growth.
- Pray for the members and core group as they carry the weight of set-up/tear-down each week and continued outreach into the community.
- Pray for Josh and the continuing opportunities to connect with pastors and ministries across socio-economic and racial lines.
- Praise God for the women's conference this year with Valerie Shephard. The Lord brought over 150 ladies from the community. Pray for the fruit that comes from the conference and the continued exposure of PC in the tight knit community of Lafayette.



Taking the Message Home

Today's message, "The Blessing of Melchizedek" is taken from Genesis 14:17-24. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family friend or Home Fellowship Group.

1. Read Genesis 14:1-24 to get the overall context for our passage today. How do verses 19-20 look back to Genesis 12:1-3? Hint: Melchizedek is Canaanite, not Hebrew.
2. What makes the king of Sodom's (21) proposal a battle of faith for Abram? How does Abram respond?
3. Read Psalm 110:4. Why is it significant that David was the first Israelite to sit on the throne of Melchizedek?
4. Read Hebrews 7:1-8, 15. If a "type" is "a symbol pointing to fulfillment," how is Melchizedek a type of Christ? What aspects of the person and work of Christ do you see in Genesis 14:17-24?
5. What would it look like for you (like Abram) to trust God as your Rewarder rather than the riches the world has to offer?
6. Take some time to give thanks that you have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3)

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