

## Order Of Worship April 3, 2022

# \*Call to Worship | Philippians 3:20-21 | Blake Arnoult God invites and calls us into his presence to worship him.

20 Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

#### \*Song of Adoration | You Are Holy

We begin by responding with praise to God for who he is and for what he does.

You are Lord of Lords, You're the King of Kings You are Mighty God, Lord of everything You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I AM You're the Prince of Peace Who is the Lamb You're the Living God You're my Saving Grace You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End You're my Savior, Messiah Redeemer and Friend You're my Prince of Peace And I will live my life for You

You are holy (You are holy)
You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise)
I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You)
All of my days (All of my days)

I will sing to (You are Lord of Lords)
And worship (You're the King of Kings)
The King who (You are Mighty God)
Is worthy (Lord of everything)
I will love and (You're Emmanuel)
Adore Him (You're the Great I AM)
I will bow down (You're the Prince of Peace)
Before Him (Who is the Lamb)

I will sing to (You're the Living God)
And worship (You're my Saving Grace)
The King who (You will reign forever)
Is worthy (You are Ancient of Days)
I will love (You are Alpha Omega)
Adore Him (Beginning and End)
I will bow down (You're my Savior, Messiah)
Before Him (Redeemer and Friend)

You're my Prince of Peace And I will live my life for You You're my Prince of Peace And I will live my life for You You're my Prince of Peace And I will live my life for You

Music and Lyrics: Carolyn Arends, Mark Harris, and Michael W. Smith

## \*Confession of Faith | 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

With the church in history we confess a basic statement of what Christians believe.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

### \*Song of Confession | O Come To The Altar

Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

Are you hurting and broken within Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling

#### /Chorus/

/Oh what a Savior Isn't He wonderful Sing alleluia, Christ is risen Bow down before Him For He is Lord of all Sing alleluia, Christ is risen/

#### Chorus

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Music and Lyrics: Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye

<u>Confession of Sin</u> | 2 Corinthians 5:1-4 | Blake Arnoult We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.

1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

#### Assurance of Pardon | 2 Corinthians 5:5-7 | Blake Arnoult

The good news of the gospel is that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. This assurance is based on God's words of promise and it is therefore certain.

5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

#### \*Song of Response | Abide With Me

We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile; And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, though I off left Thee, On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness. Where is thy sting death? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Music and Lyrics: Henry Francis Lyte, William Henry Monk

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

We offer our gratitude to God in prayer in response to his gifts and blessings to his people and ask that he make us faithful managers of these gifts.

#### Song of Thanks | A Debtor to Mercy Alone

As we offer our prayers so we also offer up our thanks in song.

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which His goodness began, The arm of His strength will complete; His promise is yea and amen, And never was forfeited yet. Things future, nor things that are now, Not all things below nor above Can make Him His purpose forego, Or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands Eternity will not erase; Impressed on His heart it remains In marks of indelible grace. Yes, I to the end shall endure, As sure as the earnest is given More happy, but not more secure, The glorified spirits in heaven.

Music and Lyrics: Augustus Toplady, Kevin Twit

#### Prayer for Christ's Church

We lift up our requests to God knowing that he hears us when we pray.

\*Reading of Scripture | Zechariah 4:1-14 | Blake Arnoult God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

1 And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. 2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. 3 And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." 4 And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" 5 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." 6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. 7 Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

8 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. 10 For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

"These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth." 11 Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" 12 And a second time I answered and said to him, "What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?" 13 He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." 14 Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Vision Five: The Light of Visible Luminosity"

Zechariah: Glory in our Midst

<u>Pastoral Prayer</u>

#### Sacrament of Communion

Sacraments are visible signs of the invisible grace of God - what Christ does by his Holy Spirit within us. Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist), as the distribution of the elements of bread and wine, symbolizes a meal. Communion is a sign of fellowship. That sign signifies more than just the future heavenly fellowship that is to come. The outward sign signifies the inner reality that sinners already experience fellowship with God in the Spirit because of Jesus. Communion is not a meal for good people. It functions as a renewing seal to desperate sinners of that fellowship we have with our holy and gracious God.

You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian we encourage you to spend this time in reflection on what you've seen and heard in the worship. Children who have not received their first communion are welcome and encouraged to come forward with their families to witness their partaking. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.** 

## Prayer of Thanksaiving and Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hallelujah!

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward. We would be happy to serve you at your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free. All communion wine is grape juice.

A communion prayer for those searching for the truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

## <u>Communion Song</u> | My Jesus, I Love Thee We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, and I'll love Thee in death, I'll praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright; And sing with the glittering crown on my brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

Music and Lyrics: William Featherstone, Adoniram Judson Gordon

#### Departing Song | Holy Spirit

We begin to end in faith and song.

/There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close No thing can compare, You're our living hope Your Presence Lord

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves Where my heart becomes free, And my shame is undone In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your Glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord Your Presence Lord/

///Let us become more aware of Your Presence Let us experience the Glory of Your Goodness///

#### Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Katie Torwalt, Bryan Torwalt

## \*Benediction | John 11:25-26 | Blake Arnoult

God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in his mission to the city of man.

25 Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Easter Potluck

#### 5-7pm on April 10, 2022

Join us at the Byrd home for our church-wide potluck picnic and Easter egg hunt on April 10! The egg hunt will begin promptly at 5:15pm. Sign up to bring a dish on our website or through your email!

### No Nursery

#### Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Cornerstone's nursery will not be available on Easter Sunday. Children, as always, are welcome in the service!

## **Weekly Prayer Guide**

#### Every Wednesday on Facebook and Instagram

Make sure to follow us on Facebook: <u>@CornerstoneHOU</u> and Instagram: <u>@cornerstonehou</u> for Amy's prayer guide posted every Wednesday.

#### **RSVP** and Announcements Page

Visit the website above or click the link below to view our comprehensive spring calendar and RSVP to available events!



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Welcome, visitors! We are so glad to have you with us this morning! Please help us out by using the QR code to let us know you're here, or visit our website directly at cornerstonehouston.com.



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## Cornerstone Kids

## What in the world is...?

### Hymns, Praise Songs?

Singing loudly is not just something we do in the shower. God gave us voices to sing about how awesome he is!

#### Confession?

God wants to hear what we did wrong. Tell him! He not only listens, he also forgives.

#### Prayer?

God cares so much for us that he taught us to pray. He wants us to know what to pray for and also how to pray. How amazing is that? Take a look in your parents' bulletin to check it out!

#### The Offering?

Ever wonder why we put money in that basket being passed around? God wants us to give to him and his church in joy as an act of worship!

#### The Sermon?

This is when the pastor helps us understand what God is telling us in the Bible. And the Bible is God's word!

#### Communion?

Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and drink the wine God nourishes our spirits!!! Who gets to take communion? Those who believe in Jesus and have shared their faith with the leaders in the church.

#### Benediction?

This is the end of the church service where everyone receives God's blessing. Isn't it awesome that God shares this blessing with us?

# KID'S CORNER



## MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

This verse answers the question, How will we be saved?

Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by [your] might, nor by [your] power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts."

- Zechariah 4:6



# CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



## What happens to Christians when they die?

Our bodies will return to the dust and our souls will go to be with the Lord forever.

## Will the bodies of all the dead be raised again?

Yes. At the last day Christians will be raised to everlasting life.

# KID'S CORNER



Pray that God would help us to remember his glorious light is in us and when Jesus comes back we will actually see his light shine in all of us!

# SERMON NOTES

What is heaven like? Sometimes we think heaven after we die is just floating around like spirits, like ghosts, forever. That is NOT our hope. We believe when we die our souls will go to paradise in heaven away from sin, death, and the devil. AND, we believe one day Jesus will come back and resurrect our bodies from the grave and reunite our souls with our resurrected bodies and we will live bodily in the new heavens and new earth forever! And our new bodies will shine like the stars!

## A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!

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## Word Search

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# <u>Unscramble the Verse!</u> Unscramble the verse from today's passage!

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## The Sermon and Your A-Z's!

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Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

- no food or drink other than water
- no writing utensils other than those provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone
- no coming on stage, except for Communion
- no standing on chairs

Cornerstone loves our children, and we encourage parents to bring children of all ages into the worship service. We do ask for your help to ensure children observe these guidelines. Special A.D. Players approved dry erase crayons are available in the Lobby for our children to use during the worship service.

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