

#### Order Of Worship January 30, 2022

\*Call to Worship | Revelation 1:12-13, 20 | Blake Arnoult God invites and calls us into his presence to worship him.

12 I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

"20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."

#### \*Song of Adoration | The Solid Rock

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

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

#### Chorus

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

#### Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

#### /Chorus/

Music and Lyrics: William Batchelder Bradbury, Edward Mote

#### \*Confession of Faith | Revelation 22:1-3

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

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

\*Song of Confession | Whate're My God Ordains Is Right Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, holy His will abideth.
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God, Though dark my road.
He holds me that I shall not fall, wherefore to Him I leave it all

Whate'er my God ordains is right, He never will deceive me He leads me by the proper path, I know He will not leave me. I take, content, What He hath sent His hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup in drinking May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking. My God is true, each morn anew.

Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken. Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken. My Father's care, is round me there.

He holds me that I shall not fall, and so to Him I leave it all.

Music and Lyrics: David Braud, Samuel Rodigast

#### Confession of Sin | Psalm 130 | 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 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
2 O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
4 But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope:

6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

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7 O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

#### Assurance of Pardon | 1 Peter 2:24 | 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.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

#### \*Song of Response | Be Thou My Vision

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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breast plate, my sword for the fight. Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight, Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

True Light of heaven, when victory is won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Music and Lyrics: Mary Elizabeth Byrne

#### 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 | Rest In Faith

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

/You are the healer of my soul/ /All I am and everywhere I go/ /You're my secret place, my rest in faith, I know/

When I'm weak You are strong, when hurt You are healing In death You are life, when I'm lonely You are bringing Your love, Oh Lord, is holding me up.

My Redeemer, Conqueror, Savior, and Friend,
Oh Lord my Salvation, my Song to the end;
My Victory, Deliverer, and Lifter of my head.

/Your blood, Lord Jesus, makes me whole/ /You wash my heart and make me white as snow/ /Lord, You give me rest, You hold me as I go/

Music and Lyrics: Charlie Hall

#### Prayer for Christ's Church

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

\*Reading of Scripture | Zechariah 1:7-17 | Blake Arnoult God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying, 8 "I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the deep, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses. 9 Then I said, 'What are these, my lord?' The angel who talked with me said to me, 'I will show you what they are.' 10 So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, 'These are they whom the LORD has sent to patrol the earth.' 11 And they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, and said, 'We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth remains at rest.' 12 Then the angel of the LORD said, 'O LORD of hosts, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which you have been angry these seventy

years?' 13 And the LORD answered gracious and comforting words to the angel who talked with me. 14 So the angel who talked with me said to me, 'Cry out, Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion. 15 And I am exceedingly angry with the nations that are at ease; for while I was angry but a little, they furthered the disaster. 16 Therefore, thus says the LORD, I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it, declares the LORD of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem. 17 Cry out again, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose. Jerusalem.'"

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

#### The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Vision One: What are the Myrtle Trees?"

Zechariah: Glory In Our Midst

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### 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 Thanksgiving 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 Worth Is Not In What I Own We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love – At the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed – At the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him glone.

As summer flowers we fade and die Fame, youth and beauty hurry by But life eternal calls to us – At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ – At the cross

#### Chorus

Two wonders here that I confess My worth and my unworthiness My value fixed; my ransom paid – At the cross.

#### Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Keith & Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick

## <u>Departing Song</u> | Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah We begin to end in faith and song.

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore; Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield. Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side; bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears;

Land me safe on Canaan's side; bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.

Music and Lyrics: William Williams, Jeremy Casella

#### \*Benediction | Jude 24, 25 | 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.

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Adult Teaching Session February 6, 2022

Adults! Join us at the home of Tim and Frances Arnoult for the second session of our 3-part teaching series from 6:30-8:30pm. Eat dinner before you come!

#### Youth and Kids Teaching Sessions February 27, 2022

Children and youth! Join us for lunch today for teaching and fellowship! 5th-12th graders will meet at the Arnoult's home while Kindergarten through 4th will meet at the Donovan's home. Drop-off only.

## Spring Bible Studies Every Wednesday and Thursday

Join us for Bible study this spring as we work through the New Testament! The men's study will take place on Wednesday mornings at 6:30am, and the women's studies will take place on Wednesday mornings at 10am and Thursday evenings at 7pm. Sign up on our website today!

#### Women's Day Trip April 2, 2022

Sign up now for the women's trip out to New Ulm! We'll enjoy fellowship and some good food during this wonderful trip together! RSVP through our Instagram or website today! The cost is \$30/person, payable by cash or check to Cornerstone staff - no later than March 6, 2022.

#### **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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#### 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

I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the deep, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses.

- Zechariah 1:8



## CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



# First Catechism: What will God do for believers at the last day?

He will give them a home with him in the new heaven and the new earth.

# What will the new heaven and the new earth be like?

A glorious and happy place, where the saved will be with Jesus forever.

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# PRAYER CHALLENGE!

Pray that we remember God will give us heaven just as he promised.

## SERMON NOTES



In Zechariah 1 we read about Jesus getting us home. Where is home? Imagine God came to you and said, "I'll make a deal with you if you wish. I'll give you anything and everything you ask. And, nothing you do will be a sin. And, nothing will be impossible for you. But, if you take this deal you will never ever see my face." Would you take the deal? I bet you would NOT! We think we want God to make that kind of deal with us but if we can't have God we realize those things are really not what we want. What we really want is God. To be with him. In heaven. And that's why right now we feel homesick. Because heaven is really our home. Because where God is - that's where we really want to be. The good news is that because Jesus lived for us and died for us, and was raised for us - Jesus will get us home.

## A Drawing

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# Unscramble the Verse! Unscramble the verse from today's passage!

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

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- 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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