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# Order Of Worship

January 9, 2022

## \*Call to Worship | Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22 | Blake Arnoult

*God invites and calls us into his presence to worship him.*

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!

21 Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his servants, who do his will!

22 Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

## \*Song of Adoration | How Great Thou Art

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

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

## **Chorus**

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation  
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart

Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, My God, how great You are!

## **Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: Carl Gustav Boberg, Stuart K. Hine*

\*Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith  
Chapter 20, *Of Christian Liberty, and Liberty of Conscience*  
*With the church in history we confess a basic statement of what Christians believe.*

**The liberty which Christ has purchased for believers under the gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin; from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also, in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear, but a childlike love and willing mind. All which were common also to believers under the Law. But, under the New Testament, the liberty of Christians is further enlarged, in their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish church was subjected; and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the Law did ordinarily partake of.**

\*Song of Confession | How Deep The Father's Love For Us  
*Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give his only son  
And make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross  
My sin upon His shoulder  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no power no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

*Music and Lyrics: Stuart Townsend*

### Confession of Sin | 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.*

**Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners; conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to evil, unable ourselves to do any good; who, because of our depravity, transgress without end your holy commandments. And we have drawn upon ourselves, by your just sentence, condemnation and death. Be pleased to have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And, grant that your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon | Romans 8:1-4 | 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.*

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law

might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

### **\*Song of Response | My Worth Is Not In What I Own**

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

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 alone.**

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 and Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick*

### **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 | He Is Exalted

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

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high And I will praise Him  
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His Name

For He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy Name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

*Music and Lyrics: Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore*

## Prayer for Christ's Church

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

## \*Reading of Scripture | Zechariah 1:1-6 | Blake Arnoult

*God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.*

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying, 2 "The LORD was very angry with your fathers. 3 Therefore say to them, Thus declares the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. 4 Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried out, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.' But they did not hear or pay attention to me, declares the LORD. 5 Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? So they repented and said, 'As the LORD of hosts purposed to deal with us for our ways and deeds, so has he dealt with us.'"

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

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

"Zechariah, Israel, the Law, and Us"

*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.*

## Communion Song | Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul

*We celebrate our communion in faith and song.*

Dear refuge of my weary soul,  
On Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,  
My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief,  
For Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,  
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,  
I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail,  
And all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,  
And shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace,  
Be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace,  
Attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access,  
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet,  
Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet

*Music and Lyrics: Music and Lyrics: Anne Steele, Kevin Twit*



## Departing Song | Lord I Need You

*We begin to end in faith and song.*

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You**  
**Every hour I need You**  
**My one defense, my righteousness**  
**Oh God, how I need You**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

### **Chorus**

Teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

### **Chorus**

You're my one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

*Music and Lyrics: Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher*

## **\*Benediction | 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 | 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.*

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus,  
direct our way to you, 12 and may the Lord make you increase  
and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,  
13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before  
our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his  
saints.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Women's Luncheon**

**Postponed to later date tbd**

### **Spring Bible Studies**

**Beginning January 12 and 13, 2022**

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!

### **Adult Teaching Session**

**January 16, 2022**

Adults! Join us at the home of Tim and Frances Arnoult for the first in a 3-part teaching series from 6:30-8:30pm beginning on January 16th.

### **Youth and Kids Teaching Sessions**

**January 23, 2022**

Children and youth! Join us for lunch on January 23 for teaching and fellowship! 5th-12th graders will meet at the Donovan's home while Kindergarten through 4th will meet at the Erwin's home. Drop-off only.

### **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: [@CornerstoneHOU](#) and Instagram: [@cornerstonehou](#) 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 fall calendar and RSVP to available events!



## **Let Us Know You're Here!**

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](http://cornerstonehouston.com).



## **Giving**

Use the QR Code below to view different ways to give!



\*Please Note: An additional fee is charged per transaction for online giving. Please consider adding this fee to your total contribution in order to help us cover it:  
Credit/Debit Cards: 2.9% + \$0.30/transaction; American Express: 4% + \$0.30/transaction; and Bank Transfer (ACH): 1% + \$0.30/transaction.

# 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 will return to you, says the  
LORD of hosts.  
- Zechariah 1:3



## CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



**What does it mean to pray, "Thy kingdom come"?**

We are asking God to bring more and more people to hear and believe his gospel.



## PRAYER CHALLENGE!

Pray as Jesus taught us to pray. Pray The Lord's Prayer!

# KID'S CORNER

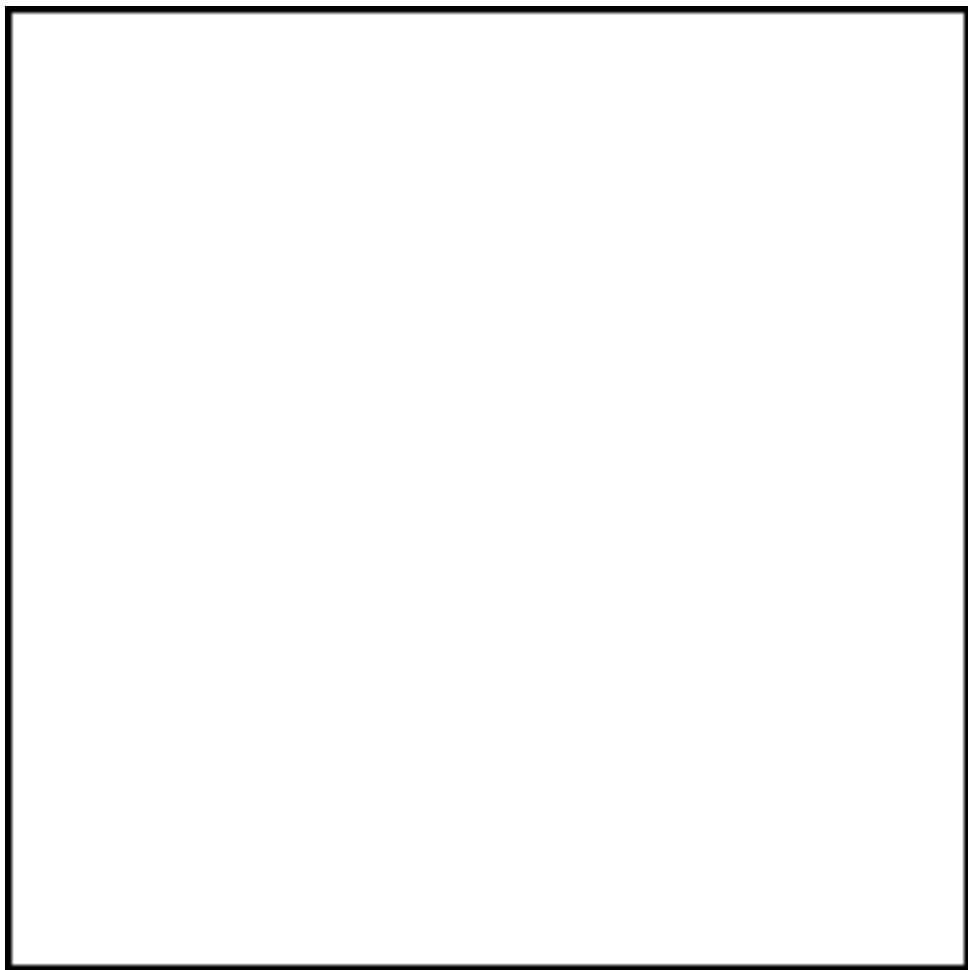
## SERMON NOTES



Are Christians better than other people? Are we saved because we're better than other people or because we're smarter than other people or because we're stronger than other people? NO! We are saved because of Jesus, not because of anything we have done. All we have done is believe in Jesus and even our believing is a gift from Jesus all by grace. So what we really want is for others to hear about Jesus and his love and grace and pray that Jesus would be gracious to them so that they might believe with us!

# A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!





# Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

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DARIUS, PROPHET, ZECHARIAH, LORD,  
FATHERS, RETURN, WORDS, COMMANDED,  
SERVANTS, REPENTED

## Unscramble the Verse!

Unscramble the verse from today's passage!

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C H Z I E R A H A 3 : 1

# The Sermon and Your A-Z's!

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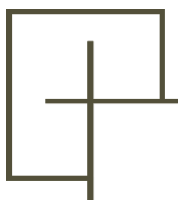
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Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

- 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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