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GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

November 28, 2021

*Call to Worship | Matthew 6:33 | Blake Arnoult

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

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

*Song of Adoration | The Church's One Foundation

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

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish,

Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Music and Lyrics: Brian Moss, Samuel John Stone

***Confession of Faith | Luke 12:22-24**

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

22 Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

***Song of Confession | Great Are You Lord**

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

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore

Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

/Chorus/

//All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord//

/Chorus/

Music and Lyrics: David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

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.

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103:8-12 | 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.

8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

*Song of Response | Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long expected prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
By His Son, God now has spoken:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress:
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him,
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly,
Nor suppose the evil great,
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed!
See Who bears the awful load!
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man, and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost.
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,

His the Name of which we boast.
Lamb of God for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

Music and Lyrics: Thomas Kelly, Philip Palmertree

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 | Rock of Ages

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

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's commands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Music and Lyrics: Augustus Montague Toplady, Thomas Hastings

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | 1 Corinthians 16:1-9, 13-14, 19-20 | Blake Arnoult
God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. 2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. 3 And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. 4 If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

5 I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia, 6 and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. 7 For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. 8 But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, 9 for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries...

13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done in love...

19 The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. 20 All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"The Divided Church Uniting"

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 | Thy Mercy, My God

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
/All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine./

Music and Lyrics: John Stocker, Sandra McCracken

Departing Song | Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

We begin to end in faith and song.

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.

O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Soul, then know thy full salvation rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,

Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou
repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to
praise.

Music and Lyrics: Henry Lyte, Bill Moore

***Benediction | 1 Corinthians 16:23-24 | 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.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. 24 My love be with you
all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Christmas Party

December 5, 6:00-8:30pm

Come party with us! Our annual Christmas party will take place the evening of December 5 at the home of Tim and Frances Arnoult. This is an adults-only event, dinner and beverages will be served. Valet parking is required for those who drive.

Children's Christmas Party

December 12, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Kids and parents! Join us directly after the service at the home of Blake and Ryan Arnoult for the children's Christmas party! We will have food, fun, and fellowship! This is not a drop-off event.

Kids' Christmas Song

During the Christmas Eve service!

We would like to invite all the children to sing "Go Tell It On The Mountain" on stage during the Christmas Eve service! Find Emily or Meredith for more information!

Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24, 2pm

Worship and fellowship with us on Christmas Eve! Our traditional Christmas Eve tailgate will begin at 2pm on Friday, followed by a candlelight service at 3pm.

Women's Luncheon

January 9 - Directly after the service

Sign up online for our women's luncheon!

Women's Day Trip - DATE CHANGE

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!



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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.



Giving

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



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Credit/Debit Cards: 2.9% + \$0.30/transaction; American Express: 4% + \$0.30/transaction; and Bank Transfer (ACH): 1% + \$0.30/transaction.

Giving Update

2021 Ministry Budget: \$562,900

Giving as of 11/22: \$438,600

Variance: \$124,300

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

Let all that you do be done in love.

- 1 Corinthians 16:14



CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



What does it mean in the Lord's Prayer to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread"?

We are asking God to provide us with all that we really need.



PRAYER CHALLENGE!

Ask Jesus to help us care for others with love, as Jesus loved us!

KID'S CORNER

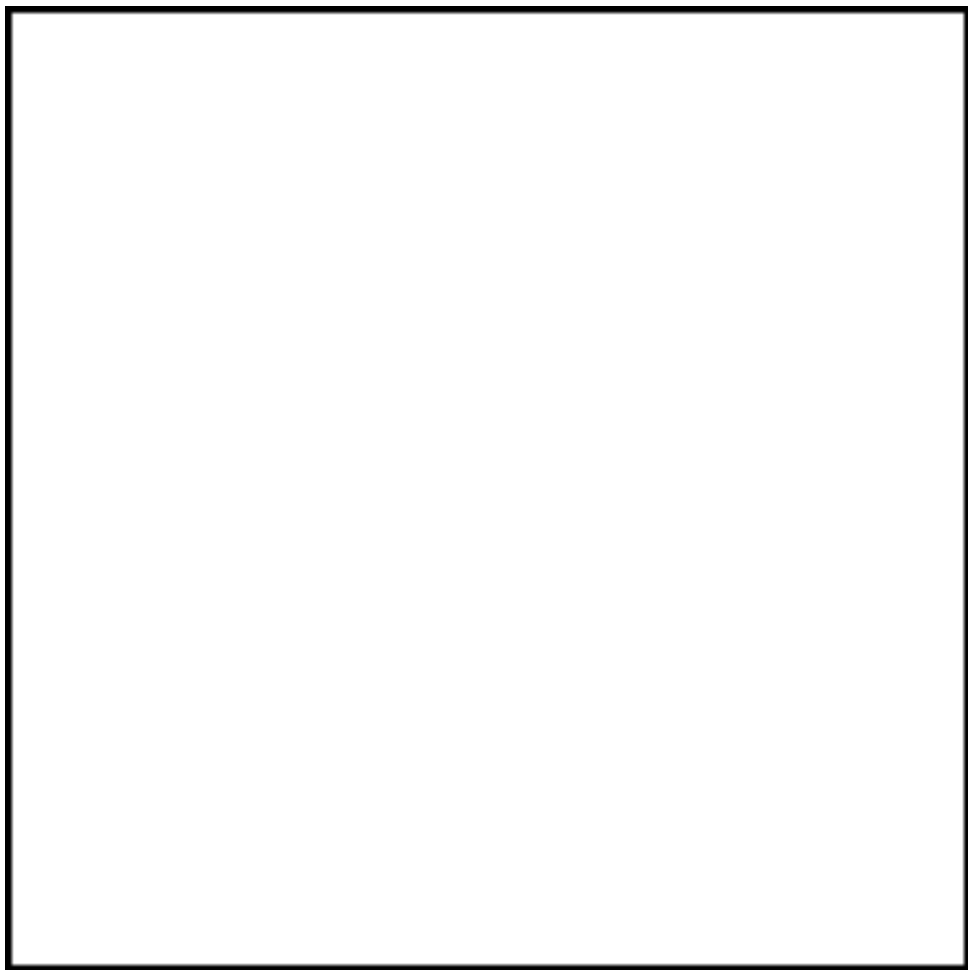
SERMON NOTES



At Cornerstone's very first worship service one of the parents handed their child a dollar to put in the offering plate. The child looked at his parent and said, "I'm not paying taxes to the church," and put the dollar in his pocket. Hahaha! Why do we give money to the church? Our stuff isn't really our stuff, it's God's stuff. And God gives us stuff to take care of ourselves and other people like family, friends, and even strangers who don't have anything and need help. And, some of the other people we want to help with our money is the church. We call it an "offering" or a "tithe" that we give to the church because we want the church to be able to tell people about Jesus; we want the church to be able to gather for worship and meet the spiritual needs of our church family. And, we have people in the church who don't have very much stuff and because they're our brothers and sisters in Christ of course we want to give to meet their physical needs. We give because we love.

A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!



Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

G	M	Z	Q	A	T	S	E	V	L	O	N	K	K	U
P	S	O	B	U	X	U	K	L	L	S	C	Q	O	S
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ARRIVE, CHURCH, DIVIDED, FAITH, FIRM, GALATIA, LOVE,
PASSING, UNITED, WATCHFUL

The Sermon and Your A-Z's!

Each time you hear a word during the sermon that begins with one of the letters listed below, fill it in.

A	N
B	O
C	P
D	Q
E	R
F	S
G	T
H	U
I	V
J	W
K	X
L	Y
M	Z

Unscramble the Verse!

Unscramble the verse from today's passage!

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A H I F T' C A T K L I E

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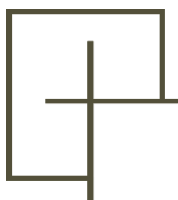
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Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

- 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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SUNDAYS, 10 AM

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