CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF HOUSTON

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship September 19, 2021

*Call to Worship | Psalm 2:10-12 | Blake Arnoult

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

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry,
and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

*Song of Adoration | He Is Exalted

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

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: Twila Paris

*<u>Confession of Faith</u> | 1 Corinthians 2:14-16

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

14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

*Song of Confession | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

Come Thou Fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above

Music and Lyrics: Robert Robinson

Confession of Sin | Kyrie Eleison | 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.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 5:8 | 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 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*Song of Response | Here Is Love

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

Here is love, vast as the ocean, Loving-kindness as the flood, When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, Shed for us His precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten, Throughout Heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, Fountains opened deep and wide; Through the floodgates of God's mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, Poured incessant from above, Heaven's peace and perfect justice Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil: Christ, the firstborn from the grave; Death has failed to be found equal To the life of Him Who saves. In the valley of our darkness Dawned His everlasting light; Perfect love in glorious radiance Has repelled death's hellish night.

That same love beyond all measure, Mocked and slain by hateful men, Lives and reigns in resurrection And can never die again. Here is love for all the ages, Radiant Son of Heav'n He stands, Calling home His Father's children, Holding forth His wounded hands. Here is love, vast as the heavens; Countless as the stars above Are the souls that He has ransomed, Precious daughters, treasured sons. We are called to feast forever On a love beyond our time; Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit Now with man are intertwined.

Music and Lyrics: Matt Giles, Vell Rives, Will Rees

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 | Come Then, Lord Jesus

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

The Church has waited long, her absent Lord to see. And still in loneliness she waits, a friendless stranger, she. Age after age has gone. Sun after sun has set. And still, in weeds of widowhood, she weeps a mourner yet.

The serpent's brood increase, the powers of hell grow bold, The conflicts thicken, faith is low, and love is waxing cold. How long, O Lord our God, Holy and true and good, Wilt thou not judge Thy suffering Church, her sighs and tears and blood?

Come then, Lord Jesus, come Come then, Lord Jesus Come then, Lord Jesus, come, come, come.

We long to hear thy voice, to see Thee face to face, To share Thy crown and glory then, as now we share Thy grace. Should not the loving bride, the absent Bridegroom mourn? Should she not wear the weeds of grief, until her Lord return?

Chorus

The whole creation groans, and waits to hear that voice, That shall restore her comeliness, and make her wastes rejoice. Come, Lord, and wipe away, the curse, the sin, the stain; And make this blighted world of ours, Thine own fair world again!

/Chorus/

Music and Lyrics: Horatius Bonar, Katy Bowser, Kenny Hutson

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*<u>Reading of Scripture</u> | 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; 6:9-20 | Blake Arnoult God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

5:1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. 3 For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. 4 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. 6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging ooutsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? 13 God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

12 "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. 13 "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"-and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Judging Inside the Church"

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 | Walk The World

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

God as we walk this world, we want to be a sign. Our prayers flow into love, giving Your life.

Broken but singing; Our hearts keep shining.

Let our life shine, come and let our hearts shine. We're gonna walk the world, lift the bread and wine. Like the stars shine, come and let our hearts shine. In a dark world, we lift the bread and wine.

And we were born for this, born for this day and time. Our prayers flow into love, giving our lives.

Music and Lyrics: Charlie Hall, Kendall Combes

Departing Song | O Love That Will Not Let Me Go We begin to end in faith and song.

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be.

Music and Lyrics: Robbie Seay, Taylor Johnson, Albert Lister Peace, and George Matheson

*Benediction | Romans 15:5-6 | 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.

5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer and Potluck - Sign up today! September 21, 7-8:30pm

Join us for a night of prayer and fellowship! Groups will join together in fellowship over a potluck dinner and then spend some time led in intentional prayer for each other, the church, and the world. This is an adults-only event. Groups have already been assigned, so RSVP today!

Cornerstone Youth Dates

October 3 | November 7

Calling all youth students! Join us as we gather at 12pm this fall for lunch and teaching by Pastor Blake! We can't wait to see you there!

RSVP for the Men's Fall Retreat! October 16, All Day

Let us know if you are coming on this awesome day trip out to the Plank's farm in New Ulm, TX. We will ride up to the farm together on Saturday morning and spend the day together learning, watching football, and enjoying good food. We'll head home Saturday evening for church on Sunday! The cost is \$30/person, which includes meals and transportation. *Please RSVP ASAP and provide payment no later than Sunday, October 3.*

Fall Bible Studies

Men: Wednesdays at 6:30am

Women: Wednesdays at 9:30am | Thursdays at 7pm

Weekly Bible studies for both men and women are coming this fall, beginning September 8 and 9! Make sure to signup through our website or your email today so that we can provide you with the addresses and additional details. Invite your friends!

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 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

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Cornerstone Kids

What in the world is...?

<u>Hymns, Praise Songs?</u>

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.

<u>Prayer?</u>

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!

<u>The Sermon?</u>

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



And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. - 1 Corinthians 6:14



Will the Lord Jesus come again?

Yes! He will return to judge the world on the last day.

KID'S CORNER

PRAYER CHALLENGE!

Pray that Jesus helps us to always speak with love to both the Christians and non-Christians in our life!

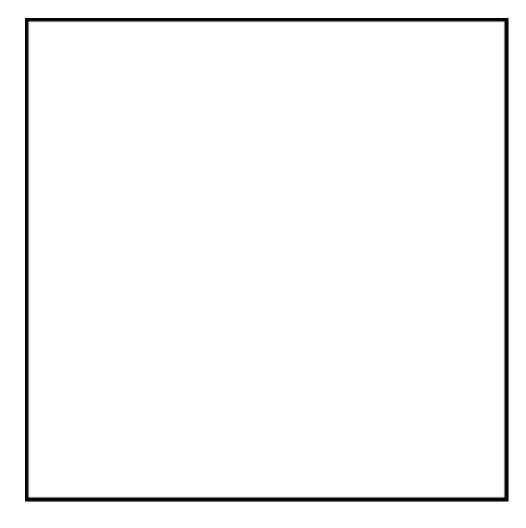
SERMON NOTES



Is it ok to judge others? Yes and no. It might sound backwards, but God tells us to judge people inside the church and not judge people outside the church. Christians know Jesus saved us from sin so we're not supposed to like sinning and if we see other Christians liking to sin we need to remind them, lovingly and kindly, to turn back to Jesus. That's good judging. But, non-Christians don't know Jesus' salvation so instead of trying to tell them how to live we should first tell them of Jesus' salvation and love for them. That's good nonjudging.

<u>A Drawing</u>

Show off your artistic talents below!



Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

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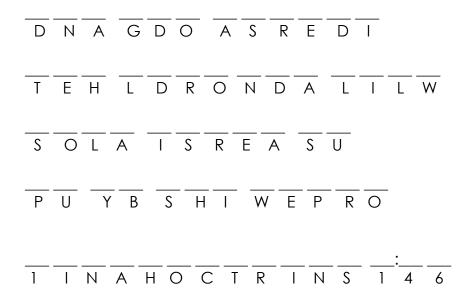
The Sermon and Your A-Z's!

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

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Unscramble the Verse!

Unscramble the verse from today's passage!



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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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