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GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

September 12, 2021

*Call to Worship | Romans 1:16 | Blake Arnoult

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

6 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

*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.

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 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

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

1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

***Song of Confession | My Worth Is Not In What I Own**

Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. 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

Confession of Sin | based on Romans 1 and 5 | 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.

Our great God, whose eternal power and divine nature have been seen through the things you have made; we acknowledge that we are without excuse. For although we have known you, we have not honored you as God nor given you thanks, but we have become futile in our thinking, and our minds have been darkened. Claiming to be wise, we have become fools. We are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and craftiness. We are gossips, slanderers, haughty, boastful, rebellious toward parents, foolish, ruthless. Yet we do also acknowledge, that when we were weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. We most joyfully confess that you have proven your love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Forgive our sins, we pray, through him who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Ephesians 2:8-9 | 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 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

*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 | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

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 God's unchanging 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 that grace now 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

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | 1 Cor 1:10-13, 18-25; 4:6-13 | Blake Arnoult
God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. 12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God

and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

4:6 I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. 7 For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

8 Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! 9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. 10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. 11 To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, 12 and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"The Preaching of the Word"

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 | Abide With Me

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

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 oft 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

Departing Song | I Stand Amazed In The Presence

We begin to end in faith and song.

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned,
unclean.

**How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!**

For me it was in the garden, He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

Chorus

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered, and died alone.

Chorus

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

/Chorus/

Music and Lyrics: Charles Hutchison Gabriel

***Benediction | Romans 15:5,6 | Blake Arnout**

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

Cornerstone Youth Dates

TODAY - September 12 | 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!

Prayer and Potluck - Sign up today!

September 21, 7-8:30pm

Join us for a night of prayer and fellowship! Groups will be assigned to 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. Please RSVP no later than September 5 so that we make sure you are included in a group!

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 take a charter bus on Saturday morning to the farm 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 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 sign up 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: [@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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Giving

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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

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18



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, believe and obey his gospel.

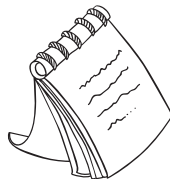
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PRAYER CHALLENGE!

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

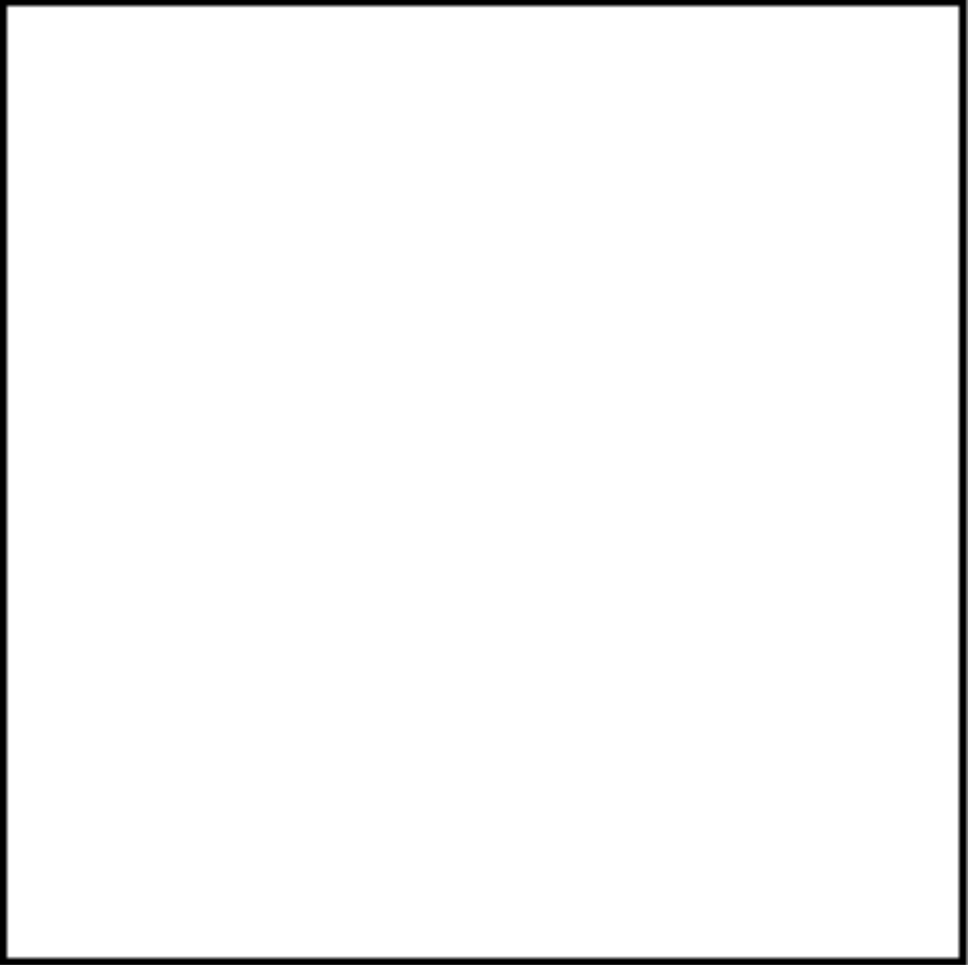
SERMON NOTES



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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PAUL, PREACHING, SIGNS, UNITED, WISDOM

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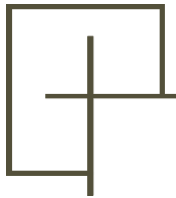
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Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

- 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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