

## Order Of Worship August 29, 2021

#### \*Call to Worship | Revelation 7:12 | Kyle Bobos

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

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

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

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

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, and 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.

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.

## /O God be my everything, be my delight Be Jesus my glory, my soul satisfied/

High king of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

## /O God be my everything, be my delight Be Jesus my glory, my soul satisfied/

Music and Lyrics: Dallan Forgaill, Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Jon Bauer, Mary Elizabeth

#### \*Confession of Faith | Psalm 46:1-3

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

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

#### \*Song of Confession | Heal Us, Emmanuel

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

#### Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are, We long to feel Thy touch Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly, O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble, we confess, We faintly trust Thy word; But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You Lord!

#### Chorus

Remember him who once applied With trembling for relief; "Lord, I believe," with tears he cried; "O help my unbelief!"

#### Chorus

She, too, who touched you in the press And healing virtue stole, Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace; Thy faith has made thee whole."

#### Chorus

Like her, with hopes and fears we come To touch You if we may; O send us not despairing home; Send none unhealed away.

#### Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Kevin Twit and William Cowper

<u>Confession of Sin</u> | based on Romans 1 and 5 | Kyle Bobos 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.

<u>Assurance of Pardon</u> | Colossians 1:12-14 | Kyle Bobos 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.

12 Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## \*<u>Song of Response</u> | How Sweet The Name We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

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How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, And calms the troubled breast; 'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place, My never failing treasury, filled With boundless stores of grace!

By Thee, my prayers acceptance gain, Although with sin defiled; Satan accuses me in vain, And I am owned a child. Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my way, My end, Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought; But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

'Til then I would Thy love proclaim With every fleeting breath, And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death.

Music and Lyrics: Alexander Robert Reinagle, John Newton, and Robert Critchley

#### Prayer of Thanksaiving

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 Will Hold Me Fast

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

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast. When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

#### He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast! For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast!

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast. Precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

#### Chorus

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast. Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast; 'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

#### /Chorus/

He began a work in us... He'll complete His work in us...

#### He will hold us fast; He will hold us fast! For our Savior loves us so, He will hold us fast!

Music and Lyrics: Matt Merker, Ada Habershon

#### Prayer for Christ's Church

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

- \*Reading of Scripture | Psalm 100 | Kyle Bobos
  God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.
- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!2 Serve the LORD with gladness!Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD, he is God!

  It is he who made us, and we are his;

  we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him: bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

<u>The Preaching of the Word</u> | Rev. Kyle Bobos

"Thankfulness"

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.** 

#### <u>Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution</u>

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 | The Power of The Cross

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

This, the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us; Took the blame, bore the wrath, We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

#### Chorus

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Music and Lyrics: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

<u>Departing Song</u> | Grace Alone We begin to end in faith and song.

I was an orphan lost at the fall; Running away when I'd hear your call. But Father, you worked your will. I had no righteousness of my own.
I had no right to draw near your throne.
But Father, you loved me still.

And in love before you laid the world's foundation, You predestined to adopt me as your own. You have raised me up so high above my station. I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone.

You left your home to seek out the lost; You knew the great and terrible cost. But Jesus, your face was set.

I worked my fingers down to the bone; Nothing I did could ever atone. But Jesus, you paid my debt.

By your blood I have redemption and salvation. Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown. And you rose that I might be a new creation. I am born again by grace and grace alone.

I was in darkness all of my life. I never knew the day from the night. But Spirit, you made me see.

I swore I knew the way on my own, Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone. But Spirit, you moved in me.

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened; On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone; Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken; Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone.

So, I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone. I will run the race by grace and grace alone. I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone. I will reach the end by grace and grace alone.

Music and Lyrics: Dustin Kensrue

#### \*Benediction | Colossians 2:6-7 | Kyle Bobos

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.

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Date Change!!** September Bash

#### September 5, 6:30-8:30pm

The date has changed for our end of summer party! The gathering will now be at the home of Neal and Marion Wade on Sept. 5 from 6:30-8:30pm. RSVP from our website or your email. Dinner will be served at this adults-only event! BYOB.

## <u>Date Change!!</u> Cornerstone Youth Parent's Meeting August 29, 5:30-6:30pm

Parents of all middle school youth! Come one hour early to the Wade's home on September 5th for a quick meeting about youth gatherings and teaching this fall! We will see you at 5:30pm on September 5th!

## Cornerstone Youth Dates September 12 | October 3 | November 7

Calling all middle school 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

#### 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 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!



#### 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.



#### Giving

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



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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

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- Psalm 100:1



# CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



### What did Jesus say about little children?

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

# KID'S CORNER



Pray for your teachers and school in the new school year!

## **SERMON NOTES**



Are you thankful for COVID? NO! Are you thankful for people being mean to other people? NO! A lot of people are sick and a lot of people are being mean to each other right now and that's not good. But, God is still good. And, God loves us. So, we can be thankful to God for his love all the time. God sees that we are so sick with sin that he sends his only Son, Jesus Christ, to come and live for us and suffer for us and die for us to save us from our sin. Look at Jesus and you'll see there is nothing more awesome than God's love for you.

### A Drawing

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

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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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