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GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

## PURPOSE

*(the why of the church)*

Gather people in Houston and grow together in life in order to glorify Jesus Christ.

## PLAN

*(the what, so what, how, when, where, and who of the church)*

Means (What will accomplish our purpose?)

- Word (the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament)
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Sacrament

Goals (So what do we see if we are accomplishing our purpose?)

- Fruitfulness: conversions, Christian character, good deeds
- Biblical world and life view
- Fellowship and Service
- Evangelism and Missions
- Worship: corporate and individual

Presuppositions (How will we approach accomplishing our purpose?)

- Individual: there is both great commonality and diversity among individuals
- Demographical: our ability to minister is affected by the character of the city
- Pedagogical: there is a common learning process among all peoples
- Theological: ministry is carried out from a specific perspective that is for all peoples
- Providential: God is at work accomplishing his purpose of the church

Times (When will we accomplish our purpose?)

- Sunday: corporate worship, when the church gathers, grows, and glorifies weekly
- Monday to Saturday: pilgrim life, when the church lives out of and up to Sunday

Places (Where will we accomplish our purpose?)

- Large Groups: community; gathering and binding the whole group together-
- Small Groups: friendship; relating an individual to other individuals
- One on Ones: intimacy; personal conversation where ministry happens organically

Participants (Who is accomplishing our purpose?)

- God the Father the Architect-Builder, the Son the Cornerstone, the Spirit the Paradigm Power
- God's People-House the Church

# Order Of Worship

May 23, 2021

## \*Call to Worship | 1 Corinthians 14:33

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

God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

## \*Song of Adoration | Sing To The King

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

Sing to the King who is coming to reign.  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain!  
Righteousness, peace then His empire shall bring;  
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

**Come, let us sing a song,  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus;  
He is all we need!  
Lift up a heart of praise,  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;  
Sing to the King!**

All shall be well in His kingdom of peace,  
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,  
Foe shall be friend when His triumph we sing,  
Sword shall be sickle when Jesus is King.

### **Chorus**

Kingdom of Christ, for thy coming we pray.  
Hasten, O Father, the dawn of the day!  
With a new song Thy creation shall sing,  
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King!

### **Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: Billy Foote, Charles Horne, Charles Gabriel*

\*Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith,  
Ch.33 Of the Last Judgment, Paragraph 3

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

**As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all mankind from sin; and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity: so will he have that day unknown to mankind, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, Amen.**

\*Song of Confession | Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

**//Alleluia, Alleluia//**

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,  
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,  
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night,  
Saints with His mercy surrounding.

**//Alleluia, Alleluia//**

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

**//Alleluia, Alleluia//**

*Music and Lyrics: Stralsund Gesangbuch, Joachim Neander, Catherine Winkworth*

### Confession of Sin

*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.*

**We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful; prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil. We have failed in our duties one to another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you. We ask you - forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in him who died to make peace and who lives to make intercession for us. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon | Ephesians 2:13-14

*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.*

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace

### \*Song of Response | Center

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

**//Oh, Christ be the center of our lives!**

**Be the place we fix our eyes;**

**Be the center of our lives.//**

You're the center of the universe,  
Everything was made in You, Jesus.  
Breath of every living thing,  
Everyone was made for You.

You hold everything together;  
You hold everything together.

## **Chorus**

We lift our eyes to heaven,  
We wrap our lives around Your life.  
We lift our eyes to heaven, to You.

*Music and Lyrics: Charlie Hall, Matt Redman*

## 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 | Here Is Love

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

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 for Christ's Church

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

## \*Reading of Scripture | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 | Blake Arnoult

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

6 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. 9 It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. 11 For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. 12 Now such persons

we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

13 As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. 14 If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

17 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Peace Now, Rest To Come"

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 | Rest In Faith

*We celebrate our communion in faith and song.*

You are the healer of my soul  
You are the healer of my soul  
All I am and everywhere I go  
All I am and everywhere I go  
You're my secret place, my rest in faith, I know  
You're my secret place, my rest in faith, I know

**When I'm weak You are strong, when hurt You are healing  
In death You are life, when I'm lonely You are bringing  
Your love, Oh Lord, is holding me up.  
My Redeemer, Conqueror, Savior, and Friend,  
Oh Lord my Salvation, my Song to the end;  
My Victory, Deliverer, and Lifter of my head.**

Your blood, Lord Jesus, makes me whole  
Your blood, Lord Jesus, makes me whole  
You wash my heart and make me white as snow  
You wash my heart and make me white as snow  
Lord, You give me rest, You hold me as I go  
Lord, You give me rest, You hold me as I go

*Music and Lyrics: Charlie Hall*

## \*Departing Song | Revive Us Again

*We begin to end in faith and song.*

We praise Thee, O God!  
For the Son of Thy love,  
For Jesus Who died,  
And is now gone above.

We praise Thee, O God!  
For Thy Spirit of light,  
Who hath shown us our Savior,  
And scattered our night.

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory.  
Hallelujah! Amen.  
Hallelujah! Thine the glory.**

## **Revive us again.**

All glory and praise  
To the Lamb that was slain,  
Who hath borne all our sins,  
And hath cleansed every stain.

All glory and praise  
To the God of all grace,  
Who hast brought us, and sought us,  
And guided our ways.

## **Chorus**

Revive us again;  
Fill each heart with Thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled  
With fire from above. (x2)

**//Chorus//**

*Music and Lyrics: W.P. Mackay*

## **\*Benediction | 2 Thessalonians 3:16 | 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.*

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Wine Tasting Event - THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our wine tasting event last Sunday such a success! We couldn't have done it without you all!

### **June Book Clubs - Sign up now!**

Read through one of three books with us this June. Discussion groups will meet twice at various locations and times! Check out our website for the list of books and sign up through our website or weekly email to join your preferred small group! Registration ends today so that our hosts have time to plan! Invite your friends!

### **Spring Middle School (Rising 5th-8th) - Location Change!**

Middle School is meeting in-person at Blake and Ryan Arnoult's home today, May 23rd, from 12-1:30pm for our "Step Up" session, including rising 5th graders! Lunch will be provided. Drop off only, please.

### **Children's Ministry Volunteers**

It's not too late! We are still accepting applications! If you have already applied, please remember to sign up for an interview. We will be holding two in-person, mandatory training sessions in June. Please make sure you sign up to attend one of the two sessions! The applications, interview, and training sign-up links can be found on our website and in your email!

### **Kids Summer Pool Party**

Join us on June 13th from 4-6pm at the Byrd's Home for a kids pool party! Kids and parents welcome to stay.

### **Summer Park Day**

Join us at Hermann Park on Sunday, June 20th from 3-5 for summer fun! Bring your own picnic, beverages, and outdoor games.

**Weekly Prayer Guide:** Make sure to follow us on Facebook:

[@CornerstoneHOU](#) and Instagram: [@cornerstonehou](#) for Amy's prayer guide posted every Wednesday.

### **Weekly Prayer**

Church-wide Zoom Prayer Meeting: every Wednesday @11:30am, led by Blake.

## INFORMATION

### **To the Parents of Young Children**

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. We believe the church is for all people, even children, and we want Cornerstone to be a church where children are both seen and heard. So don't worry if your children wiggle in the pews or make a little noise! We invite you to keep your children in our service and help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say parts of our worship service every week in order to help our non-reading children to participate. There are also ages, stages, and times when it might not be best for your children to be in worship.

### **The Liturgy**

Our order of worship may be new to you. Every worship service in every church has a structure. We want to be intentional about ours as it is a real back-and-forth conversation between us and God. He calls us to worship, and then we respond and move through the different elements of the service. We have both spontaneous, personal prayers as well as ancient, printed prayers. Please look over the service to see what we will hear and say along the way.

### **Cornerstone Podcast**

To listen to the sermons during the week, please visit: [www.cornerstonehouston.com/resources](http://www.cornerstonehouston.com/resources) or anywhere you normally listen to podcasts.

### **COVID-19 Updates**

Beginning last Sunday, May 9th, all areas of A.D. Players at the George Theater became mask optional and distancing requirements were relaxed, with the exception of the balcony. *The balcony will be reserved for church attendees who wish to continue to wear masks and social distance.* We are requesting that anyone seated in the balcony remain fully masked throughout the entire service. *Check your email or our website for the full updated response plan!*

## GIVING

### **Online Donations**

If you'd prefer to give online as either a one-time gift or as a recurring gift, you may do so through our website,

[www.cornerstonehouston.com/give](http://www.cornerstonehouston.com/give)

It will direct you to the online donation portal powered by Aplos. This is a secure site that can process credit card, debit card, and EFT. All donations go directly to Cornerstone. You will receive an electronic receipt and an end of year tax statement.

### **Text-to-Give**

If you'd prefer to give via text, please text "GIVE" to (833) 388-0906. It will direct to the online donation portal powered by Aplos to setup your account. You will only have to setup access the first use. It is a secure site that can process credit card, debit card, and EFT. All donations go directly to Cornerstone. You will receive an electronic receipt and an end of year tax statement.

### **Checks**

You can give by check or mail a check to:

Cornerstone Church of Houston  
14027 Memorial Drive #268  
Houston, Texas 77079-6826

Make the check payable to Cornerstone Church of Houston. You will be mailed an end of year tax statement.

### **Stock**

If you would like to transfer stock, please contact one of the church officers.

# 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?

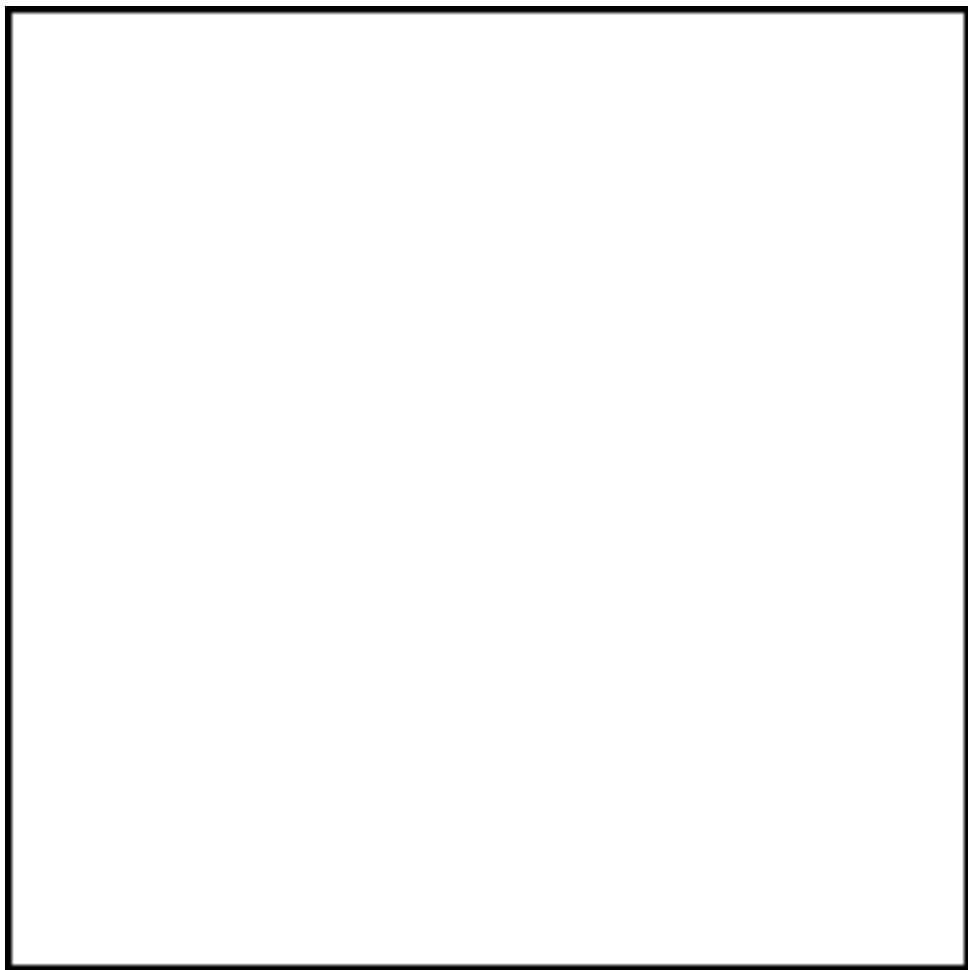
Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and 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?

# A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!





## Word Search

Find these words from our passage in 2 Thessalonians!

B	H	O	P	B	U	S	Y	B	O	D	I	E	S	K
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BURDEN, BUSYBODIES, ENCOURAGE, GENIUNENESS,  
IDLENESS, IMITATE, JESUS, OBEY, PEACE, WORK

# 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 words from today's service!

O W N S H U C

E O N S P R S E W

D O M C A M N D A N

E E O A U R N C G N I H E T

R L D O U S J S E

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U I L Q Y E T D N A O T

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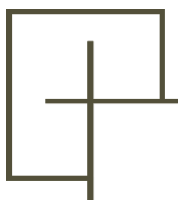
2 H S A T I L S E N S A O N 1:32

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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