

C O R N E R S T O N E
H O U S T O N

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

May 18, 2025

*Call to Worship | Galatians 5:1 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

*Song of Adoration | Blessed Assurance

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

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

/ Chorus /

Music and Lyrics: Charles Hutchison Gabriel

*Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession of Faith | Chapter 20 | On Christian Liberty

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

The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin; from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also, in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear, but a childlike love and willing mind.

*Song of Confession | Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

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

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee,
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet

Music and Lyrics: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

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.

God, our Father, we confess before you today both our unworthiness and our infirmities, our weaknesses, and our lack of wisdom, our license, and our desire to control our own lives. We confess that we are all together dependent on you day to day for that mercy which we find at your throne of grace. Give us that mercy again today and lift up our hearts to you. Help us to put all our trust in you both for eternal salvation and for the daily provisions of life, for ourselves and for those for whom we are responsible for their care. Enable us to manifest the mind of Christ at all times; to freely self-sacrifice and show love for all people in order that we might freely serve you well.

Assurance of Pardon | John 8:32 | Rev. 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.

and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

***Song of Response | Come As You Are**

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

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy oh sinner come kneel
/ Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal /

**So lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home you're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are**

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

Chorus

Come as you are
Fall in his arms; Come as you are

There's joy for the morning oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Ben Glover, David Crowder, Matt Maher

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 | Take My Life and Let it Be

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

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Music and Lyrics: Frances R. Havergal

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Ephesians 6:5-9 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

⁵ Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, ⁶ not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. ⁹ Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Submitting at Work"

Ephesians: The Gospel of 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 made from 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 | All I Have Is Christ

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace!

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Jordan Kauflin

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 | Jude 20, 21 | Rev. 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.

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

RSVP and Announcements Page

Visit the website to view our calendar and RSVP to events!



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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
- 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.

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 the 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?

KIDS CORNER



MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Our Father in heaven, give us this day our daily bread."

KID'S LESSON

True story. I got a buddy who lives in Vermont and he went to Walgreens to get some toothpaste. He's paying for it and at the cashier there are two boxes of q-tips. One is a box of clean q-tips and the other box is full of used q-tips. He asked, "What is this?" The cashier laughed and said the q-tips are for people to use on the credit card keypad—you know with COVID no one wants to use their finger to touch the keypad because they're scared of germs - so you use the q-tip to punch the button then throw away the q-tip. But that's not how anyone is using them. People are cleaning out their ears while they check out and just drop their dirty q-tips right there in a box for everyone to look at while they're waiting to buy stuff.

People weren't thinking about what was going on around them - the story of the year was COVID - and so they misused the q-tips. You got to know what's going on around you to do life right. Things don't always work the way you think they work. And that's even true of work - like your work. Do y'all understand your work? What do kids do for work?

Well if you want to do your work right then you got to understand the story you're living in. That's what Paul is going to tell us today. Some people in the church think that because Jesus already saved us that they don't have to work because the church will just take care of them so they're a bunch of lazy bones. Other people in the church don't like their jobs, don't like working for bad bosses and they want to overthrow everyone in charge.

Has Jesus saved us? Yeah but that's not the whole story. We're still waiting for him to come back. We're still waiting for heaven and new heavens and new earth.

So does Jesus still want us to work hard in this life? Yes!

Does he want us to be a lazy bones? No!

Do we work in order to get saved? No!

But do we work in order to take care of ourselves, take care of our families, and take care of other people and help other people with our work? Yes! Because God loves other people and he wants us to love other people.

Do we work to show other people the love of Jesus? Oh yes!!

SERMON NOTES



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WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON

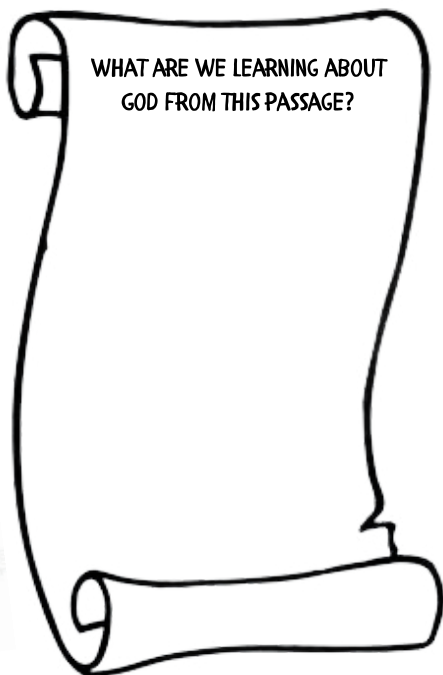


Favorite song
today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY

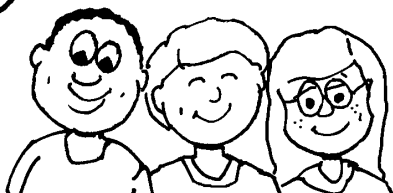


WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?






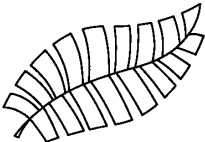

"The Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does."



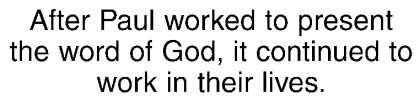
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Use the letters from the bold boxes to complete the sentence.

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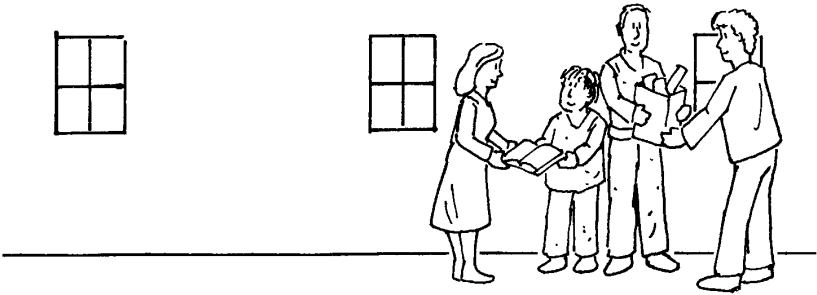
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There is no _____ with God.

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Do the will of God from your heart.



Cross out 3 names in each row as instructed.
Write the words that remain.

3 reptiles

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3 numbers

T E N W H O L E H E A R T E D L Y O N E T W O

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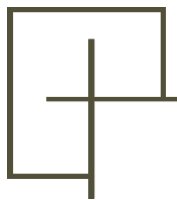
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3 snakes

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