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H O U S T O N

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

July 20, 2025

*Call to Worship | Isaiah 52:7 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

*Song of Adoration | Great Are You Lord

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

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: David Leonard, Leslie Jordan

*Confession of Faith | 2 Corinthians 5:1-7

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

¹**For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being**

burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.

***Song of Confession | Slow Me Down**

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

Slow me down, O Lord
Slow me down
Help my heart to hear Your sound
Speak into my life
Lord speak now
Slow me down, O Lord
Slow me down

Clear my mind, O Lord
Clear my mind
Bring me peace that I cannot find
Take my worried thoughts
Break my pride
Clear my mind, O Lord
Clear my mind

Wake my soul, O Lord
Wake my soul
With this mess I made, make me whole
Of this life called mine,
Take control
Wake my soul, O Lord
Wake my soul

Slow me down, O Lord
Slow me down
Help my heart to hear Your sound
Speak into my life
Lord speak now
Slow me down, O Lord
Slow me down

Music and Lyrics: Kit Lloyd

Confession of Sin | 1 John 1:5-6, 8, 10

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.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Assurance of Pardon | 1 John 1:7, 9 | 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.

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Song of Response | Crown Him With Many Crowns

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

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all does reign
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

Music and Lyrics: George Job Elvey, Godfrey Thring, Matthew Bridges

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 | What A Friend We Have In Jesus

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

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Music and Lyrics: Charles Crozat Converse, Joseph Medlicott Scriven

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Isaiah 52:13-53:12 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

53 Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Isaiah, Prophet Herald of Suffering Servant"

Jesus in the Old Testament

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 | Lord I Need You

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Music and Lyrics: Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher

Departing Song | Gloria Patri

We begin to end in faith and song.

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen, amen.

Lyrics & Music: Henry Wellington Greathouse

*Benediction | Revelation 22:20-21 | 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 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Announcements

Men's Monthly Bible Study

August 1, 7am, Bean and Bottle

Join us on Friday, August 1 at 7am for our men's monthly Bible Study on the Sermon on the Mount!

Women's Monthly Bible Study

August 5, 7pm, The Arnoult Home

Join us on Tuesday, August 5 at 7pm for our women's monthly Bible Study on the Sermon on the Mount!

Fall Kick-Off

August 24, 11:30am, Pickleball Social

Save the date for our annual Fall Kick-Off at Pickleball Social!

RSVP and Announcements Page

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



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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
- 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

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
Isaiah 53:5

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

What kind of life did Christ live on earth?

A life of obedience, service and suffering.

How could Christ suffer?

Christ, the Son of God, became a man so that he could obey and suffer in our place.

What kind of death did Jesus die?

The painful and shameful death of the cross.

What is meant by the atonement?

Christ satisfied God's justice by his suffering and death as a substitute for sinners.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Father, forgive me my sins not because of anything in me but because of Jesus' life and death for me."

KIDS' LESSON

Magic Eye posters. Do you remember them? Have you ever seen one? It's a picture, a two dimensional image that can create the optical illusion of a three dimensional image. So the picture looks like just a bunch of pixelated nonsense but if you stare at it long enough you see a hidden image. So you stare and stare and then finally, if you're lucky, a hidden 3d image of a dolphin or a sailboat or whatever would pop out at you and you'd finally get it. You'd hear people saying, "I don't see it, what is it?" And for those that can't see it, they get angry and frustrated and walk away talking about how dumb and pointless the whole thing is. The cross of Jesus is like that.

Non-Christians look at the cross of Jesus and think it's sad and foolish and dumb. But in the church we Christians look at Jesus on the cross and see Jesus dying not for Jesus' sins but for our sins. On the cross we see our Savior about to die, but he's not going to remain dead. When we look at the cross we see our salvation, that Jesus died to beat death and to beat sin for us. When we look at the cross now we know it is empty and that Jesus is risen and alive and reigning as King in his kingdom in heaven. And because he lives, we too will live forever with him.

SERMON NOTES



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KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON

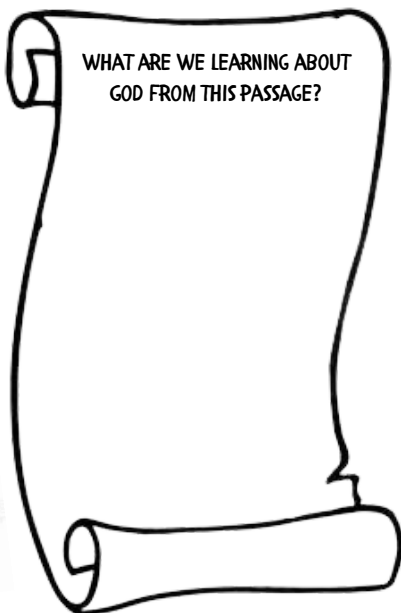


Favorite song
today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



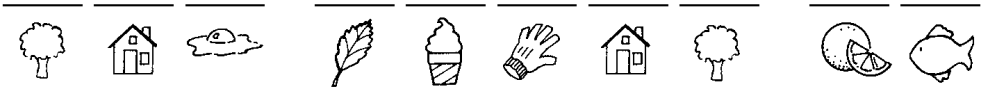
WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?



KIDS' CORNER

Fill in the first letter of each picture to read what was promised.

After his suffering, My servant will _____



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_____ because he poured out his



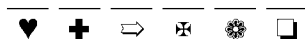
life unto death, and made intercession for the sinners.

Many people think of Jesus
as this suffering servant.

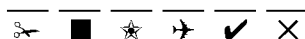
KIDS' CORNER

Use the clues to figure out words that describe the servant.
Then use the shape code to fill in the blanks below.

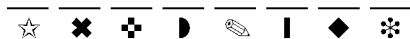
He was not proud, he was ...













He never lied, he was ...



He was not guilty, he was ...




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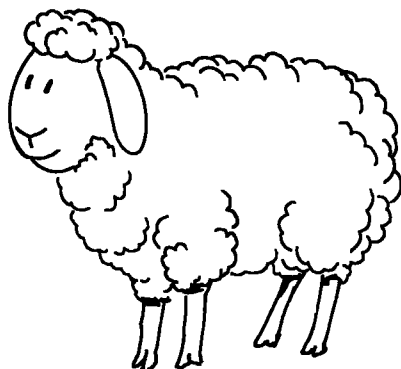
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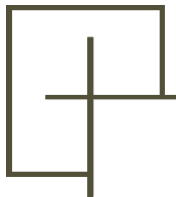
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