

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

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

July 20, 2025

*Call to Worship | Revelation 1:5-7 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

⁵ To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

*Song of Adoration | Arise O God

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

Arise O God and shine
in all Thy saving might
And prosper each design
to spread Thy glorious light
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth Thy truth may know

Bring distant nations near
To sing Thy glorious praise
Let every people hear
and learn Thy holy ways
Reign mighty God assert Thy cause
And govern by Thy righteous laws

Send forth Thy glorious pow'r
That all the world all may see
And earth present her store
in converts born to Thee
God our own God Thy church O bless
And fill the world with righteousness

To God the only wise
the one immortal King
Let hallelujahs rise
from every living thing
Let all that breathe on every coast
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Music and Lyrics: William Hurn

*Confession of Faith | 1 Peter 2:9-10; Romans 9:23-26

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

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Romans 9:23-26

²³ in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— ²⁴ even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵ As indeed he says in Hosea,

**"Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,'
and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'"**

**²⁶ "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,'
there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"**

*Song of Confession | Jesus Lover Of My 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.

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

Music and Lyrics: Charles Wesley

Confession of Sin | Based on Colossians 3:5-13

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, help us to put to death what is earthly in us: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these your wrath is coming. In these we too once walked, when we were living in them. But now we must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from our mouths. We must not lie to one another, seeing that we have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of you, our Creator. Here, in your church, there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Help us to put on as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven me, so I also must forgive.

Assurance of Pardon | Colossians 3:2-4 | 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.

² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

*Song of Response | Come Ye Sinners

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

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Music and Lyrics: Joseph Hart, Brooks Ritter

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 | Doxology

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

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

Music and Lyrics: Thomas Ken

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | Hosea 1:1-2:1; 3:1-5 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

1:1-3 Old Covenant Indictment

¹The word of the LORD that came to Hosea, the son of Beerī, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. ²When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." ³So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

1:4-6 Old Covenant Judgment

⁴And the LORD said to him, "Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel." ⁵And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel." ⁶She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, "Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all.

1:7 New Covenant Proclamation

⁷ But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God. I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen."

1:8-9 Old Covenant Judgment

⁸ When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son.

⁹ And the LORD said, "Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

1:10-2:1 New Covenant Proclamation

¹⁰ Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God." ¹¹ And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

²¹ Say to your brothers, "You are my people," and to your sisters, "You have received mercy."

3:1 Old Covenant Indictment

³¹ And the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the LORD loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins."

3:2-4 Old Covenant Judgment

² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. ³ And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you." ⁴ For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods.

3:5 New Covenant Proclamation

⁵ Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

Note: Hosea 1-3 begins with three cycles of the covenant lawsuit each containing three parallel sections.

	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3
	Hosea 1:2-2:1	Hosea 2:2-23	Hosea 3:1-5
A) Old Covenant Indictment	1:2-3	2:2-5	3:1
B) Old Covenant Judgment	1:4-6, 8-9	2:6-13	3:2-4
C) New Covenant Proclamation	1:7, 1:10-2:1	2:14-34	3:5

Hosea 4-14 is an anthology of prophetic speeches that has the same meaning as Hosea 1-3 without the use of the marital images.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Hosea, "The Not-Marriage of Hosea""
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 | How Deep The Father's Love For Us

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give his only Son
And make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross
My sin upon His shoulder
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no power no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Music and Lyrics: Stuart Townend

Departing Song | We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

We begin to end in faith and song.

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things," we will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long! O God of Jacob, be my
strength!

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus

Lyrics & Music: Sandra McCracken

*Benediction | Revelation 1:4-5 | 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.

⁴ Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is
to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and
from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and
the ruler of kings on earth.

Announcements

Introducing Church Center

Cornerstone is making the transition from Breeze, our recent church database, to Church Center! This robust system is a great tool for our members to connect with Cornerstone ministries and each other! We encourage everyone to download the app and familiarize yourself with Church Center. This is a great opportunity to confirm your contact information and to update your profile photo! If you haven't already downloaded the app, scan the QR code below!



Fall Kick-Off

August 24, 11:30am, Pickleball Social

Our Fall Kick-Off gathering is coming up soon! Join us on August 24 at Pickleball Social for a fun afternoon of good food and fellowship and our 2nd annual pickleball tournament! Scan the QR code below to sign up for the pickleball tournament!



RSVP and Announcements Page

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



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Welcome, visitors! We are so glad to have you with us this morning! Please scan the QR code to let us know you're here, or visit our website at cornerstonehouston.com.



Serving

Scan the QR code below to sign up to serve at Cornerstone!



Giving

Scan the QR code below to see different ways to give!

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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

I will have mercy on No Mercy,
and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people';
and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"
Hosea 2:23

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

How can you be saved?

By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.

How did Christ make the covenant of grace with sinners?

Christ obeyed the whole law for his people, and then suffered the punishment due for their sins.

For whom did Christ obey and suffer?

For all whom God the Father gave to Christ.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Father, bless me to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ today."

KIDS' LESSON

What would your parents say if you asked them, "Why do you love me?" What if your parents told you they loved you because you were so good at sports BUT then you lose the championship game and you never become a professional athlete? What if your parents told you they loved you because you were so smart BUT then you failed a test at school? What if your parents told you they loved you because you're so beautiful BUT then you trip and fall on your face and bust your nose, and get a black eye and you look all messed up?

If your parents loved you because you were good at something then you'd always be scared of losing their love because we're not always good - we fail all the time! The good news is your parents love you because they love you and that's awesome news!

So why do you think God loves you? The Old Testament book of Hosea says God loves you because HE LOVES YOU like family! God knows you're a failure because of your sin. He doesn't love you because you're perfect and good. He loves you because he has set his love on you. And how do you know how much he loves you and always will love you? Because of Jesus. You know God loves you because God sent his Son to live and die for you on the cross while we were still sinners in order to save us forever to be with him forever! That is the best awesomest news!!!

SERMON NOTES



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KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON

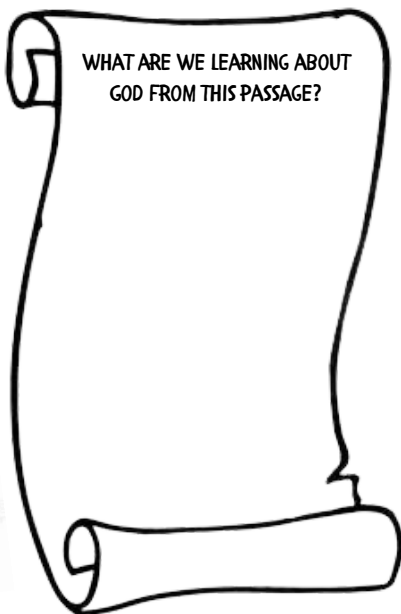


Favorite song
today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?



KIDS' CORNER

Use this code to solve the puzzle

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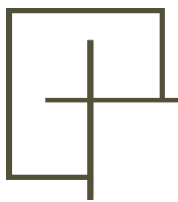
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