

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

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

August 3, 2025

*Call to Worship | Psalm 23:5-6 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

*Song of Adoration | Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Music and Lyrics: Robbie Seay, Taylor Johnson, Albert Peace, George Matheson

***Confession of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Question 1

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

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

***Song of Confession | I Surrender All**

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

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

**I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all**

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory glory to His name

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter, Winfield Scott Weeden

Confession of Sin | Agnus Dei

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.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Assurance of Pardon | John 3:16 | 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.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

*Song of Response | A Debtor To Mercy Alone

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

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which His goodness began,
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

Music and Lyrics: Augustus Toplady, Kevin Twit

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 | Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

**To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
And I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me**

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

**/ To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
Still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! /**

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Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Music and Lyrics: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | Nahum 1:1-15 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

¹ An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh.

² The Lord is a jealous and avenging God;
the Lord is avenging and wrathful;
the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries
and keeps wrath for his enemies.

³ The Lord is slow to anger and great in power,
and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty.
His way is in whirlwind and storm,
and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

⁴ He rebukes the sea and makes it dry;
he dries up all the rivers;

Bashan and Carmel wither;
the bloom of Lebanon withers.

⁵ The mountains quake before him;
the hills melt;
the earth heaves before him,
the world and all who dwell in it.

⁶ Who can stand before his indignation?
Who can endure the heat of his anger?
His wrath is poured out like fire,
and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.

⁷ The Lord is good,
a stronghold in the day of trouble;
he knows those who take refuge in him.

⁸ But with an overflowing flood
he will make a complete end of the adversaries,
and will pursue his enemies into darkness.

⁹ What do you plot against the Lord?
He will make a complete end;
trouble will not rise up a second time.

¹⁰ For they are like entangled thorns,
like drunkards as they drink;
they are consumed like stubble fully dried.

¹¹ From you came one
who plotted evil against the Lord,
a worthless counselor.

¹² Thus says the Lord,
"Though they are at full strength and many,
they will be cut down and pass away.
Though I have afflicted you,
I will afflict you no more.

¹³ And now I will break his yoke from off you
and will burst your bonds apart."

¹⁴ The Lord has given commandment about you:
"No more shall your name be perpetuated;
from the house of your gods I will cut off
the carved image and the metal image.
I will make your grave, for you are vile."

¹⁵ Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of him
who brings good news,
who publishes peace!
Keep your feasts, O Judah;
fulfill your vows,
for never again shall the worthless pass through you;
he is utterly cut off.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Nahum: The Avenging God"

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 | Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood (x3)
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (x3)
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood (x3)
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood (x3)
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (x3)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

Yes, we praise Thee, gracious Saviour
Wonder, love, and bless Thy Name.
Pardon, Lord our poor endeavor
Pity for Thou knowest our frame
Wash our souls and songs with blood (x3)
For by Thee, we come to God

Music and Lyrics: John Newton, Laura Taylor

Departing Song | How Great Thou Art

We begin to end in faith and song.

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And then proclaim, My God, how great You are!

Chorus

Lyrics & Music: Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

*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

Sign up for text updates!

Scan the QR code below to get text updates for events, special announcements, and emergency communications! We highly recommend getting on Cornerstone's text list to receive the most up-to-date communications!



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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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

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 1

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Father, I pray for people around the world who hate Jesus and Christians that you would give them faith to believe in Jesus and know his love and salvation."

KIDS' LESSON

One Sunday afternoon my nephew came walking into the house soaking wet in his church clothes. We all asked, "What happened?" My nephew blamed his sister, "She sprayed me with those hose!" We asked, "Why did she do that?" And he said, "I don't know! Maybe because I sprayed her?!?"

We all know water isn't always a good thing. Yes, water can make us clean and that's good but water can also be this thing we use to get back at each other, to punish each other. Sometimes water is scary. If you don't know how to swim you have to stay away from a pool. Big waves at the ocean can wash over us.

The Old Testament prophet, Nahum, says God's judgment is like a flood. And Nahum says God's judgment is coming for the powerful kingdom of Assyria for their sin and there is nothing they can do to stop it.

Baptism is like that. The water that we pour on people to baptize them is a symbol for judgment. Why would we do that to someone?

Because the meaning of baptism is that we all have to go through judgment. We all have to stand before God to see if he'll let us into heaven. If we stand by ourselves we can't get into heaven and the flood of God's judgment will condemn us forever. BUT, if we stand with Jesus for judgment then we do get into heaven because Jesus took our judgment for us at the cross. It means if we believe in Jesus we can come out of the judgment flood and we will be clean and have heaven and life forever.

SERMON NOTES



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KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON

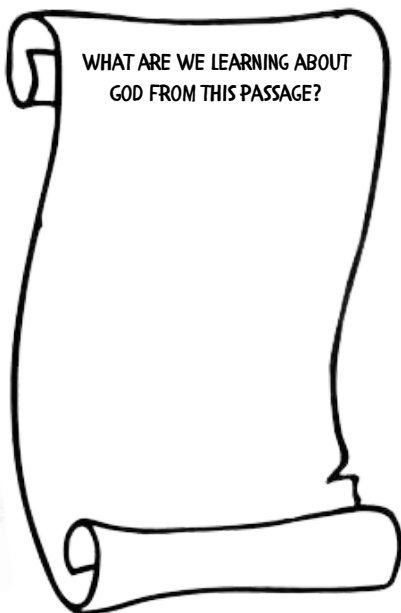


Favorite song
today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



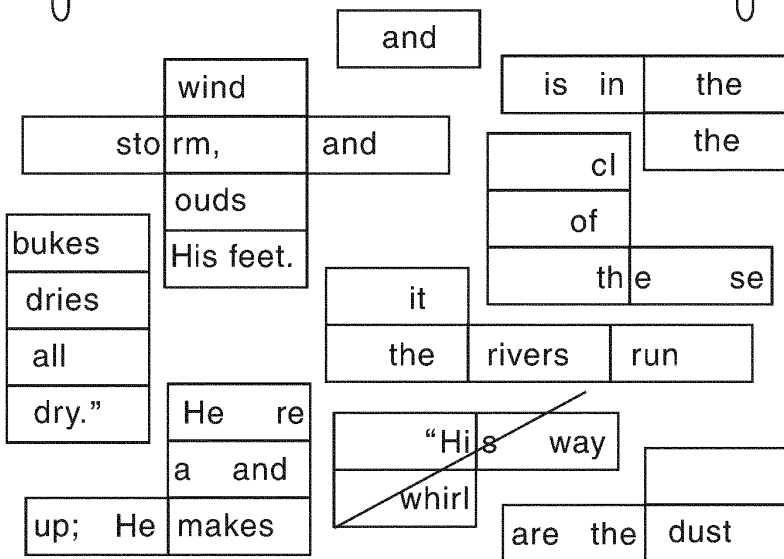
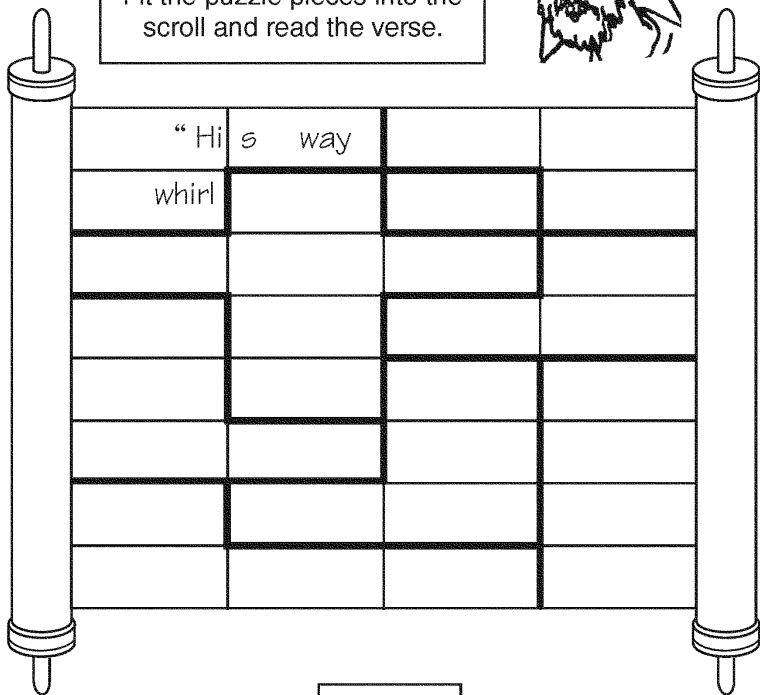
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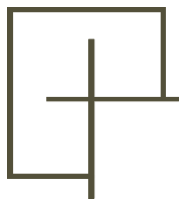


KIDS' CORNER

What did Nahum say
about God?

Fit the puzzle pieces into the
scroll and read the verse.





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