

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 17, 2025

*Call to Worship | Ephesians 3:20 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

*Song of Adoration | Holy Is The Lord

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

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with his glory**

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Everyone sing

Chorus

/ It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown /
And together we sing
Everyone sing

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

*Confession of Faith | Romans 1:16-17

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

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

*Song of Confession | Gracious God

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

Gracious God, great is our sin
But Holy Lord Great is Your love

**The burden's too heavy to carry
The pain is too real to hide
The sin is too deep to undo
Lord hear our cry**

Forgive what our lips tremble to name
And take what our hearts can no longer bear

Chorus

Lord grant us grace to be more like you
Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world

Chorus

/// Set us free from a past we can't change
Lord grant us grace
Give us a future where we can be changed
Lord grant us grace ///

Gracious God, great is our sin
But Holy Lord Great is Your love

Chorus

**The burden's too heavy to carry
It burns like a fire inside
The judgement is too much to bear
Lord hear our cry**

Music and Lyrics: Rivan Bennevendo

Confession of Sin | Isaiah 55:6-7

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.

- 6 "Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Assurance of Pardon | Psalm 103:11-12 | 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.

- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

*Song of Response | Praise To The Lord The Almighty

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 all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

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,
O 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.

Music and Lyrics: Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander

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 | All Must Be Well

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

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

Music and Lyrics: Mary Bowly Peters, Matthew S. Smith

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | Habakkuk 1-3 selections | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

Habakkuk's First Compliant

¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

God's Response

⁵ "Look among the nations, and see;
wonder and be astounded.

For I am doing a work in your days
that you would not believe if told.

⁶ For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,
that bitter and hasty nation,
who march through the breadth of the earth,
to seize dwellings not their own.

Habakkuk's Second Complaint

¹² Are you not from everlasting,
O Lord my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.

O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment,
and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.

¹³ You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong,
why do you idly look at traitors
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up
the man more righteous than he?

God's Response

2² And the Lord answered me:

"Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

⁵ "Moreover, wine is a traitor,
an arrogant man who is never at rest.

His greed is as wide as Sheol;
like death he has never enough.

He gathers for himself all nations
and collects as his own all peoples."

⁶ Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say,

“Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own—
for how long?—
and loads himself with pledges!”

⁷ Will not your debtors suddenly arise,
and those awake who will make you tremble?
Then you will be spoil for them.

⁸ Because you have plundered many nations,
all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.

¹⁸ “What profit is an idol
when its maker has shaped it,
a metal image, a teacher of lies?
For its maker trusts in his own creation
when he makes speechless idols!

¹⁹ Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;
to a silent stone, Arise!

Can this teach?

Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
and there is no breath at all in it.

²⁰ But the Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.”

Habakkuk's Response

³¹ A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.

² O Lord, I have heard the report of you,
and your work, O Lord, do I fear.

In the midst of the years revive it;
in the midst of the years make it known;
in wrath remember mercy.

⁸ Was your wrath against the rivers, O Lord?
Was your anger against the rivers,
or your indignation against the sea,
when you rode on your horses,
on your chariot of salvation?

¹³ You went out for the salvation of your people,
for the salvation of your anointed.
You crushed the head of the house of the wicked,
laying him bare from thigh to neck. Selah

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,

¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Habakkuk: The Ways of God in the Face of Evil"
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 | Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

**I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side**

My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
// Whom shall I fear //

Chorus

/ And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful
You are faithful /

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Scott Cash, Ed Cash, Chris Tomlin

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 /

Lyrics & Music: Henry Wellington Greatorex

*Benediction | Philippians 4:7 | 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.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Announcements

Fall Kick-Off

August 24, 11:30am, Pickleball Social

Our Fall Kick-Off gathering is next week!! Join us on August 24 at Pickleball Social for a fun afternoon of good food, fellowship, air conditioning, and our 2nd annual pickleball tournament!

Scan the QR code below to sign up for the pickleball tournament! Registration will close this Thursday, August 21.



Sign up for text updates!

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



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

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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

"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.
Habakkuk 2:4

? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

What does it mean to believe in Christ?

To trust in Christ alone for my salvation.

How were sinners saved before Christ came?

By believing in the promised Messiah.



PRAYER REQUEST

Pray that we remember God really is with us no matter what.

KIDS' LESSON

Do y'all know what irony is? There's a comedian who has some good examples of irony.

Run over by an ambulance

Drowning in the pool of a cruise ship out at sea

Getting beaten up with a life vest

Choking while playing air guitar

The one thing a babysitter should not do is sit on a baby.

Having a heart attack during a game of charades.

A know-it-all is a person who knows everything except for how annoying he is.

It is illegal to yell "fire" in a crowded theater. If there is a fire, please yell something else instead, like "Flames!" or "Smoke maker!" or "Bad hot!"

Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii

Why does quick sand work so slow

Shouldn't the word ambiguous have more than one meaning?

The Old Testament prophetic book Habakkuk is very ironic because God tells the kingdom of Judah that he is going to judge them with the Babylonian nation. And Habakkuk asks, "Wait, how can a just God use a really wicked nation (Babylon) to punish a less wicked nation (Judah)?"

Irony is thinking you'll get one thing and you get the opposite.

Irony is thinking one thing will happen and the opposite happens.

Irony is thinking you're going to do one thing and you do the opposite.

Irony is when things are easy, we act like we don't need Jesus. And when things are hard we act like Jesus either can't help us or doesn't want to help us. Irony is whether things are good or bad we act like Jesus is far away. Which is really crazy ironic because we also come here and say that Jesus came all the way from heaven to live for us and to die for us in order to save us so that we could be with him forever.

But if Jesus went all the way to the cross for you - you can know he is still with you right now. Even though you can't see him right now, he sees you, and he is here with you right now and he will always be with you. And when he comes you'll see him too.

SERMON NOTES



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KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON

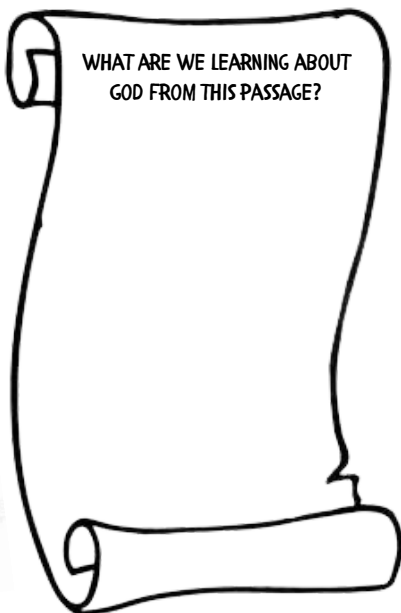


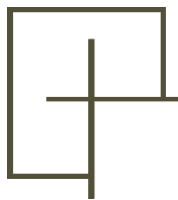
Favorite song
today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?





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