

C O R N E R S T O N E  
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GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

## Order Of Worship

August 31, 2025

### \*Call to Worship | Hebrews 12:1-2 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### \*Song of Adoration | Blessed Be Your Name

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

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness blessed be Your name  
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**  
**Blessed be Your name**  
**Blessed be Your name of the Lord**  
**Blessed be Your glorious name**

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name  
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

### **Chorus**

/ You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name /

### **Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: Beth Redman, Matt Redman*

## **\*Confession of Faith | Matthew 22:37-40; Hebrews 4:15**

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

### **Matthew 22:37-40**

**<sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."**

### **Hebrews 4:15**

**<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

## **\*Song of Confession | My Worth Is Not In What I Own**

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

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love – At the cross.  
My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose, in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed – At the cross.

**I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest Treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him, no other.  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.**

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us – At the cross  
I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ – At the cross

### **Chorus**

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed; my ransom paid – At the cross.

### **Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick*

## Confession of Sin | Psalm 127:1-2

*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.*

- <sup>1</sup>       **Unless the Lord builds the house,  
          those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
          the watchman stays awake in vain.**
- <sup>2</sup>       **It is in vain that you rise up early  
          and go late to rest,  
          eating the bread of anxious toil;  
          for he gives to his beloved sleep.**

## Assurance of Pardon | John 6:35 | 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.*

- <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

## \*Song of Response | How Deep The Father's Love For Us

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

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*

## 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 | Jesus Thank You

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

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

**Your blood has washed away my sin  
Jesus, thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied  
Jesus, thank You  
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table  
Jesus, thank You**

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

### **Chorus**

Lover of my soul  
I want to live for You

### **Chorus**

*Music and Lyrics: Pat Sczebel*

## Prayer for Christ's Church

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

**\*Reading of Scripture | Matthew 4:1-17 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

<sup>4</sup>1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

<sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve."

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

<sup>12</sup> Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,  
on them a light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Trial by Combat"

*Matthew: The Gospel to 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 | There Is A Fountain

*We celebrate our communion in faith and song.*

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.  
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

*Music and Lyrics: William Cowper, Lowell Mason, Mark Willard*

## Departing Song | All I Have Is Christ

*We begin to end in faith and song.*

**Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life**

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**

*Lyrics & Music: Jordan Kauflin*

## **\*Benediction** | Romans 16:20 | 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.*

<sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## **RSVP and Announcements Page**

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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

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,  
2 Timothy 3:16

## ? CATECHISM OF THE WEEK ?

**How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?**

That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.



## PRAYER REQUEST

"Our Father in heaven, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil!"

# KIDS' LESSON

What's the best part about summer? No tests? Why do teachers give us tests? To test your smarts. To test if you understand what you're learning. Tests tell us who's right and who's wrong. There are all kinds of tests.

In the Bible there is a kind of test called trial by combat. When two people or two groups disagree with each other you can have a trial by combat where the two sides fight to see who is right and who is dead. Kind of like in the old west when two cowboys would challenge each other to a duel. This is just like David and Goliath - two champions fighting for their side. The belief was God would help the person who was right win the fight.

In Matthew 4 Jesus goes into the wilderness desert where Satan shows up to tempt Jesus. This is a trial by combat and the two champions are Jesus (the champion of good) and Satan (the champion of evil).

What do you think they're fighting about?

Satan challenges Jesus that he won't really do what he said he would do after the Fall and save his people. Satan says everyone belongs to him. But Satan also says he'll give everyone back to Jesus if Jesus will give up on his mission and just worship Satan. Satan is tempting Jesus to side with him instead of his Heavenly Father and choose not to go to the cross. Jesus refuses and overcomes Satan's temptations and beats him there in the wilderness. But Jesus doesn't stop. Jesus gives his life for us and goes all the way to the cross to give his death for us. His life for our life. His death for our death. Jesus accomplishes our salvation for us! God now tests us his people - will we trust that gospel to save us. Satan now tempts us as God's people - don't trust in that gospel to save you. Not only can we resist the devil's temptations to sin knowing God loves us and that's enough for us BUT when we do sin, we know we can have forgiveness with God because of Jesus.

# SERMON NOTES



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# KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON



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today was:

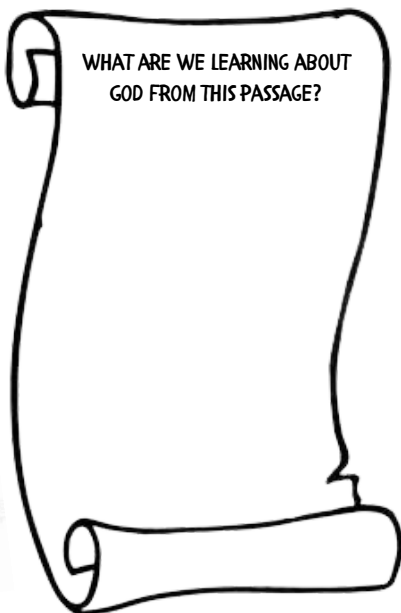
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NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT  
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?

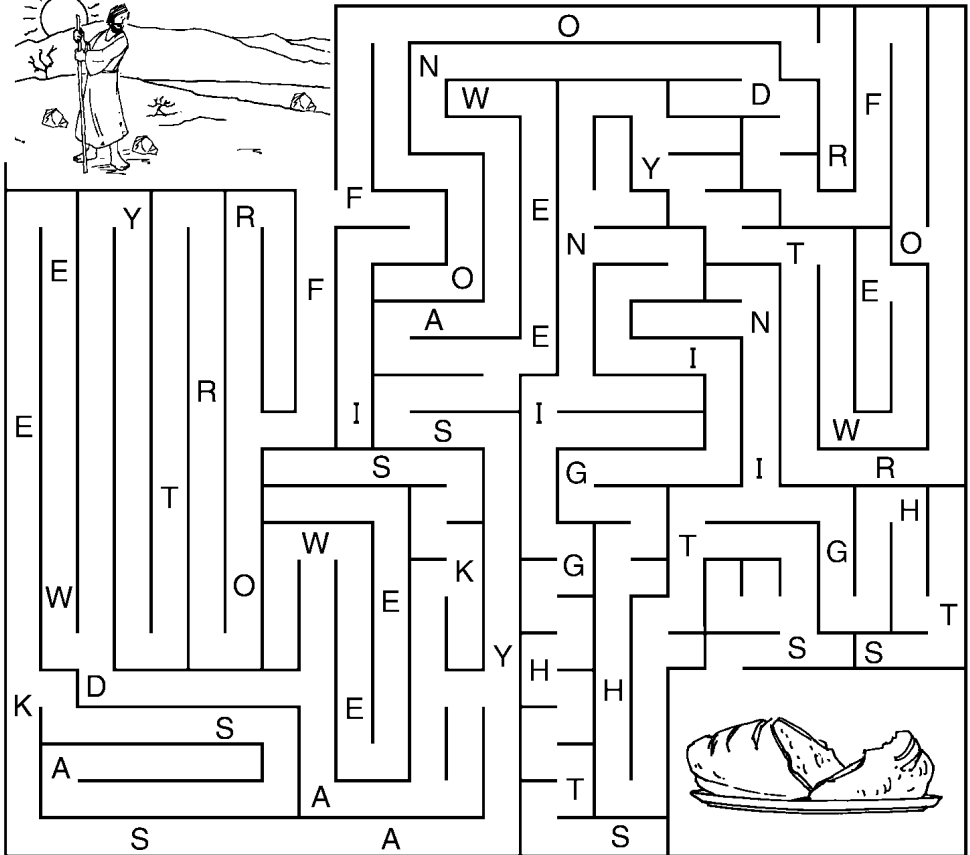
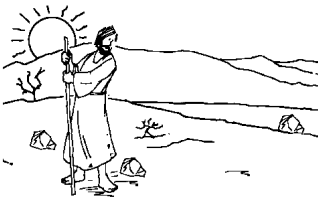


# KIDS' CORNER

## The Tempting of Jesus

Jesus fasted in the desert. For how long was Jesus hungry before the devil tempted Him?

Find your way through the maze to read the answer.



# KIDS' CORNER

After Satan tempted Jesus  
for the second time, Jesus replied ...

Use Morse code to fill in the blanks.

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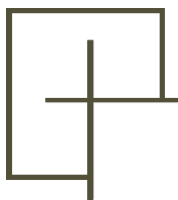
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