

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

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship
September 14, 2025

*Call to Worship | Psalm 103:1-5 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
- ³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*Song of Adoration | How Great Thou Art

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

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

Music and Lyrics: Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

*Confession of Faith | Psalm 103:6-12

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

- ⁶ The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.**
- ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- ⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- 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 Confession | Jesus I Come

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

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Music and Lyrics: William True Sleeper, Nathan Partain

Confession of Sin | Based on Psalm 51

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.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, we were born guilty, sinners when our mothers conceived us. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us, we pray through him who loved us and gave himself for us, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Acts 10:42-43 | 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.

⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Song of Response | Your Will Be Done

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

Your will be done my God and Father
As in heaven so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked so shall I walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

How in that garden he persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by him alone
What wondrous faith to bear that cross
To bear my sin what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

When I am lost when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes to one great King I bow
As Jesus rose so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing
Father not my will but Yours be done

As we go forth our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done
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Music and Lyrics: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

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 | Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?

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

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?
Is not thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him,
Joyful choose the better part.

**Captivated by His beauty,
Worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let His peerless worth constrain thee,
Crown Him now unrivaled King.**

What can strip the seeming beauty,
From the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty,
But the sight of peerless worth.

Chorus

'Tis that look that melted Peter,
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,
Can alone from idols draw.

//Chorus//

Music and Lyrics: Joel Littlepage, Ora Rowan, Kevin Twit

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Matthew 9:1-8 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

9¹ And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.
2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"⁵ For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home."⁷ And he rose and went home.⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Miracles and the Already, Not-Yet of the Kingdom"

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 | Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

We celebrate our communion in faith and 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!**

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
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

Departing Song | Nothing But The Blood

We begin to end in faith and song.

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

Amen

Lyrics & Music: Thomas Ken

*Benediction | Philippians 4:19-20 | 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.

¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 21

A brief congregational meeting will be held during the worship service next Sunday to present the 2025 budget.

Cornerstone Bible Studies

Kids and Youth Studies

Sunday, October 21, 9am

A.D. Players at the George Theater

Women's Weekly Study

Wednesday, October 17, 10:30am

The home of Marion Wade

Men's Monthly Study

Friday, October 3, 7am

Bean and Bottle

Women's Monthly Study

Tuesday, October 7, 7pm

The home of Susan Arnoult

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed!

There are still opportunities to serve this month! Members can sign up to serve through the Church Center app by selecting "Sign Up" from your Church Center profile under "Schedule". Volunteers for the nursery and setup positions are the most needed.

RSVP and Announcements Page

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



Let Us Know You're Here!

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

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

"Father, forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

KIDS' LESSON

Imagine you're on a hike in the woods with some friends and you come to an old, rickety bridge. All of a sudden a cougar starts chasing you from behind. The only way to safety is to cross the old bridge. Your two friends who are older and bigger than you cross over the bridge safely. So you decide on that information to take a step of faith across the bridge! "How much faith do you need to cross that bridge?"

It's like that with Jesus. We're going to look at some miracles that Jesus performed and ask: "How much faith does someone have to have to come to Jesus to be saved?" Answer: It's not the strength of your faith that saves you. It's the object of your faith that saves you. If you make it across that old bridge without falling to your death, it's not because of the strength of your faith in the bridge that held you up. It's the bridge. Your two bigger friends may have been totally sure that old bridge would hold. You may have thought you were going to fall to your death. Whose faith saved them? You're all saved!

And that's good news with our faith in Jesus. You may feel like your faith in Jesus is really weak. But Jesus says you're NOT saved on the strength of your faith. You're saved on the strength of the one you've got faith in. Your faith connects you to the one who saves. Jesus is like the bridge. He may not look like much. But his life for you and his death for you and his resurrection for you is the only thing that can save you. But you got to believe in him and you will see, he is mighty to save you.

SERMON NOTES



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KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON

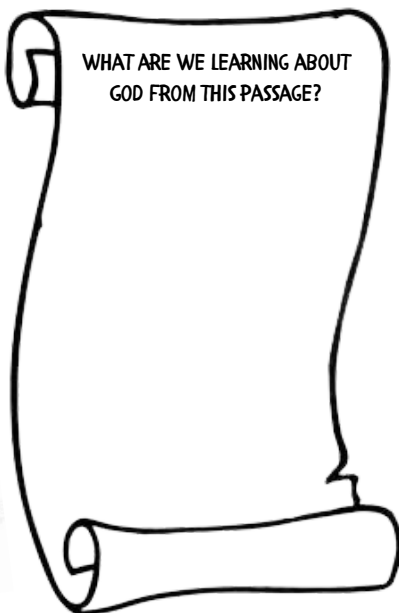


Favorite song
today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?



KIDS' CORNER

Praise the LORD

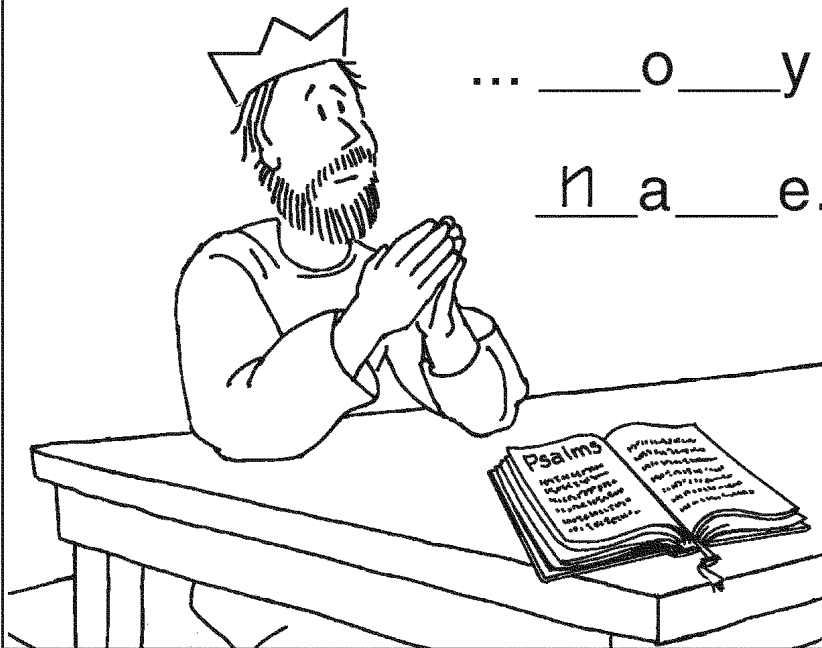
King David wrote this prayer: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His ...

Write the correct letters on the blanks below to complete the words. Hint: The letters are not listed in order,

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KIDS' CORNER



What did King David say about God's love?

Use the code to write the words on the lines.

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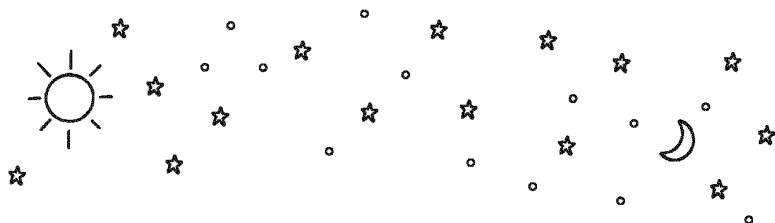
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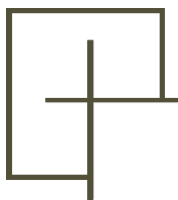
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has He 4 our 12 from us.





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