

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 28, 2025

*Call to Worship | Matthew 11:28-30 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

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

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*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

Put forth Thy glorious pow'r
That everyone may see
And earth present her store
In converts born to Thee
God our own God His church will 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 2:6-8**

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

⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

**"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."**

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

**"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"**

⁸ and

**"A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."**

**They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were
destined to do.**

***Song of Confession | Lord I Need You**

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

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Music and Lyrics: Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson

Confession of Sin

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.

Holy Lord, we are guilty of pride and unbelief; of failure to find your mind in your Word; of neglect to see you in our daily lives. Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate. Go on now, Lord, to subdue our weaknesses, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now rule over us in liberty and power. We praise and thank you for your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Ephesians 1:7 | 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.

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

*Song of Response | Jesus Lover Of My Soul

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

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 Paid It All

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

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

**Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.**

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

Chorus

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save" my lips shall still repeat

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Elvina Mabel Hall, John Thomas Grape, Lari Goss

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Matthew 12:22-32 | Rev. Blake Arnoult**

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

²² Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. ²³ And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." ²⁵ Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶ And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. ³⁰ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ³¹ Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Opposition to Jesus and the New Covenant"

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 | Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus look to Jesus look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

Take His easy yoke and wear it
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While His grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory safe to glory safe to glory
Where His ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see Him
Blest the ears that hear His voice
Blessed are the souls that trust Him
And in Him alone rejoice
His commandments His commandments His commandments
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it all who taste it all who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus look to Jesus look to Jesus
Mercy flows through Him alone

Music and Lyrics: Joseph Swain, Kevin Twit

Departing Song | Revelation Song

We begin to end in faith and song.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's Mercy Seat.

**Holy, Holy, Holy is The Lord, God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, "Praise to The King of Kings,
You are my everything. And I will adore You".**

Clothed in rainbows, of living color.
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be,
To You, the only wise King.

Chorus

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your Name.
Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water.
Such a marvelous mystery.

Chorus

Lyrics & Music: Jennie Lee Riddle

*Benediction | 2 Peter 1:2-3 | 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.

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

Announcements

Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 18, 10am - 4pm

New Ulm, TX

Cornerstone women, Join us at the Plank family farm for a day of rest and rejuvenation on October 18! We'll have great food, play some games, hear a message from our very own Kimmy Mota, and enjoy sweet fellowship! Friends are welcome and carpooling is encouraged!

Men's Bible Study

Friday, October 3, 7am

Bean and Bottle, 9655 Katy Fwy Suite 100, 77024

Our men's monthly Bible study takes place this Friday at 7am! Join us at Bean and Bottle for our next lesson on the Sermon on the Mount!

Women's Monthly Bible Study

Tuesday, October 7, 7pm

Home of Susan Arnoult

Our women's monthly Bible study takes place next Tuesday evening at 7pm! Join us at the home of Susan Arnoult for our next lesson on the Sermon on the Mount!

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed for October!

There are still opportunities to serve in October! 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!



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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

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

KIDS' LESSON

There is this story of this woman in Florida who has all these pets. She loves animals. Her most favorite of all her animals is her big pet snake. This is not a little wormy, garden snake – it is a massive boa constrictor – and she loves this snake so much that she sleeps with it. She gives one half of the bed to this reptile, and she takes the other half. She is obsessed with her pet snake. One day she starts to see that her snake has stopped eating. It's been over three weeks and her snake hasn't eaten anything. So the woman brings the snake to the vet. The vet looks at snake and asks the woman all these questions but can't figure out what's wrong with the snake. Then the vet asks, "Tell me about the snake's cage and how he sleeps." And the woman explains there is no cage and the snake sleeps with her. It takes the vet only a second to figure out what is going on and he says, "Whenever a snake is about to eat a really large prey, it stops eating so that it can make room."

Ok, so today we're going to read about this conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders in Matthew 12 about how we can think the bad things in our lives, like our sin, can be these things that we love: like our anger, our selfishness, our lying. We live like, "I'd rather be angry, I'd rather be selfish and all about me, I'd rather lie than tell the truth. I like and trust those things more than God and doing what God wants me to do." We live like it's ok to live with sin in our lives. But those things, our sin, are like a pet snake that we've become so close with but one day those things are going to eat us up. And all of that is the trick of the devil.

The good news is that Jesus saved us. Remember the serpent in Genesis 3 came and deceived Adam and Eve. Well right after that, God came and said to the devil serpent, "a descendant of Eve is going to come and crush your head, and you'll strike his heel." That's what Jesus does to the devil and to our sin, he crushes them. It cost him his life and everything but he does it to save us and to free us because he loves us.

What that means for the Christian is that right now the devil and your sin doesn't control you. Jesus does. You've been freed which means you can fight against your sin to try to follow Jesus more and more, but NOT in order to be saved. You can fight your sin BECAUSE you've already been saved by Jesus.

SERMON NOTES



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WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON

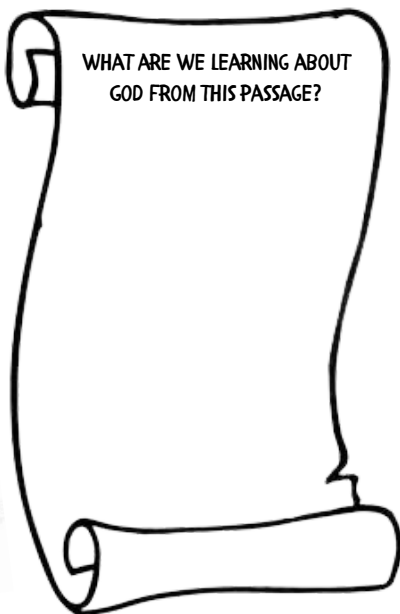


Favorite song
today was:

NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT
GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?



KIDS' CORNER

Jesus' Teaching on Prayer



One day when Jesus finished praying, one of His disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Find the words to the prayer Jesus taught them.
First write all of the 1's on the lines, then the 2's, then the 3's.

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KIDS' CORNER

Use this code to find out what Jesus said.

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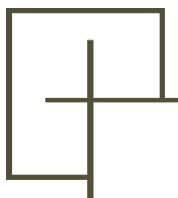
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