

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

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

October 29, 2023

*Call to Worship | Matthew 6:33 | Blake Arnoult

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

33 Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

*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
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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 | Luke 12:22-24**

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

22 Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

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

Psalms, hymns, 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: C. Nockels, D. Carson, J. Reeves, K. Stanfill, M. Maher

Confession of Sin | based on Deuteronomy 6, Hebrews 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.

O great and everlasting God, who dwells in unapproachable light, who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart; we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength; nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in you, God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach you through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | John 3:16 | 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 | All Must Be Well

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

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/

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

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 | How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To 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 a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
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 gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me

Music and Lyrics: Stuart Townend

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | Matthew 6:19-24 | Blake Arnoult

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

19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"On Treasure"

Matthew: The Sermon on the Mount

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 | All Glory Be To Christ

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

**All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!**

His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus

When on the day the great I am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

/Chorus/

Music and Lyrics: Dustin Kensrue, Robert Burns

Departing Song | We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We begin to end in faith and song.

**We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things!", we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.**

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood;
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

In the dark of night, before the dawn;
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength!

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed;
You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave;
Bind us together, bring shalom!

/Chorus/

Music and Lyrics: Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore

***Benediction** | 2 Corinthians 9:8 | 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.

8 God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Studies

Women's Morning Study: Weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30am from August 23 - November 15 at the Wade home.

Men's Morning Study: Monthly on the first Friday of each month, 7am at Bean and Bottle. 9655 Katy Freeway Suite 100.

Women's Evening Study: Monthly at 7pm on the first Thursday of each month at the home of Susan and Jeff Arnoult.

Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9am from October 15 - November 5!

Pre-K through 12th grades are invited to join us for Sunday school for the second half of our 8-week study in Eschatology! Children and youth will gather separately for age-appropriate lessons.

Youth Gathering - Save the Date!

Sunday, November 12

Save the date for a youth gathering on November 12, directly after the service!

Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, December 3 at 7pm!

Save the date for our adult Christmas party taking place on December 3 at the Plank home!

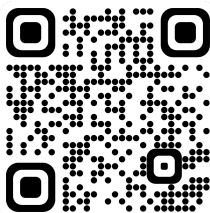
Children's and Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 10 at 11:30am!

Save the date for our children's and youth Christmas Party taking place on December 10 at the Donovan home!

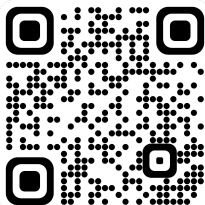
RSVP and Announcements Page

Visit the website above or click the link below to view our comprehensive fall calendar and RSVP to available events!



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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 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?

KID'S CORNER



MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...

Matthew 6:19-20



CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



What does it mean in the Lord's Prayer to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread"?

We are asking God to provide us with all that we really need.



PRAYER REQUEST

Ask Jesus to help us care for others with grace and love, as Jesus loved us with his grace!

KID'S CORNER

SERMON NOTES



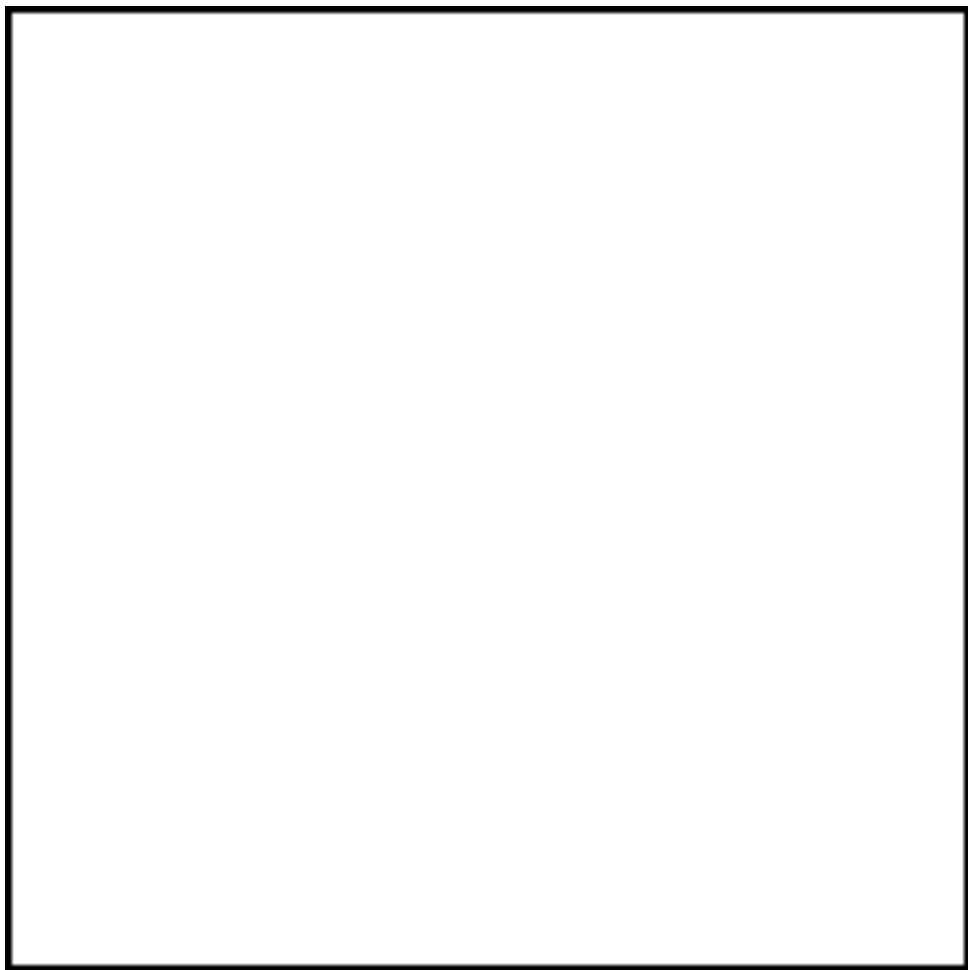
At Cornerstone's very first worship service one of the parents handed their child a dollar to put in the offering plate. The child looked at his dad and said, "I'm not paying taxes to the church," and put the dollar in his pocket. Hahaha!

Why do we give money to the church? God gives us stuff to take care of ourselves and other people who need help and that includes people in the church! God gave us everything we need in Jesus who even though he was rich in heaven came down to earth and became poor to save us. Jesus gave up everything to save us, even his life on the cross. And we don't deserve that salvation; God offered it to us by grace.

So we call the money we give to the church an "offering" and it's an offering of grace. We give graciously because of what Jesus did for us. And our offering helps the church meet people's spiritual needs by preaching the gospel. And our offering helps people who have physical needs.

A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!



Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

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DARKNESS, DESTROY, GOD, HEART, HEAVEN,
LAMP, LIGHT, MONEY, SERVE, TREASURES

Unscramble the Verse!

Unscramble the verse from today's passage!

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The Sermon and Your A-Z's!

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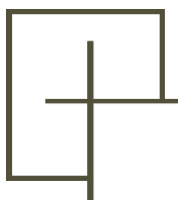
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Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

- 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.

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SUNDAYS, 10 AM

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