

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

GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

November 12, 2023

*Call to Worship | Matthew 5:6, 7, 9 | Blake Arnoult

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

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

*Song of Adoration | Great Are You Lord

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

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: David Leonard, Leslie Jordan

***Confession of Faith | Kyrie Eleison**

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

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

***Song of Confession | From the Depths of Woe**

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

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

Though great our sins and sore our woes,
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

Music and Lyrics: Martin Luther, Richard Massie

Confession of Sin | James 4:1-5

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.

1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?

Assurance of Pardon | James 4:6-7 | 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.

6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Song of Response | Afflicted Saint To Christ Draw Near

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

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near,
Your Savior's gracious promise hear;
His faithful Word you can believe:
That as your days your strength shall be.

Your faith is weak, your foes are strong,
And if the conflict should be long,
The Lord will make the tempter flee
That as your days your strength shall be.

**So, sing with joy, afflicted one;
The battle's fierce, but the victory's won!
God shall supply all that you need;
Yes, as your days your strength shall be.**

Should persecution rage and flame,
Still trust in your Redeemer's name.
In fiery trials you shall see
That as your days your strength shall be.

Chorus

When called to bear your weighty cross
Or sore affliction, pain, or loss,
Or deep distress or poverty,
Still as your days your strength shall be.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Constance Dever

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 | He Will Hold Me Fast

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

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

**He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast!
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast!**

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

Chorus

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

/Chorus/

He began a work in us...
He'll complete His work in us...

**He will hold us fast; He will hold us fast!
For our Savior loves us so, He will hold us fast!**

Music and Lyrics: Ada Habershon; Matt Merker

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

*Reading of Scripture | Matthew 7:1-6 | Blake Arnoult

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

1 “Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

6 “Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

“On Judging”

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 | Grace Greater Than Our Sin

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled

Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold
Threaten the soul with infinite loss
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross

Chorus

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away?
Look, There is flowing a crimson tide
Brighter than snow you may be today

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Julia Harriette Johnston, Daniel Brink Towner

Departing Song | O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

We begin to end in faith and song.

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Music and Lyrics: Albert Lister Peace, George Matheson, Robbie Seay, Taylor Johnson

*Benediction | 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 | 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.

12 May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Gathering - Today!

Sunday, November 12, 11:30am - 1:30pm

5-12th graders are gathering at the Byrd home directly after the service for lunch and games!

Nursery Unavailable

November 19

Our nursery will be unavailable next week because we will be worshipping in the lobby.

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: November's study will take place on November 16th at 7pm at the home of Susan and Jeff Arnoult.

Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, December 3 at 6pm!

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

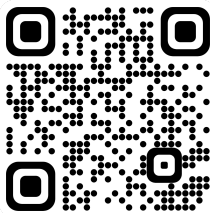
Children's and Youth Christmas Party

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

3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye,
but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Matthew 7:3



CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



Will the Lord Jesus come again?

Yes! He will return to judge the world on the last day.



PRAYER REQUEST

Pray that Jesus helps us to always speak with love to both the Christians and non-Christians in our life!

KID'S CORNER

SERMON NOTES



In the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 7 Jesus tells us not to judge other people. And he gives us a gross example of what he means. He says imagine someone has a large plank of wood stuck in their eye, like a 2x4. Gross. And imagine they come up to you and they've got this 2x4 sticking out of their eye and all of a sudden they start barking at you that you've got some little eyelash in your eye and they rudely say that you look and sound like a moron because of it.

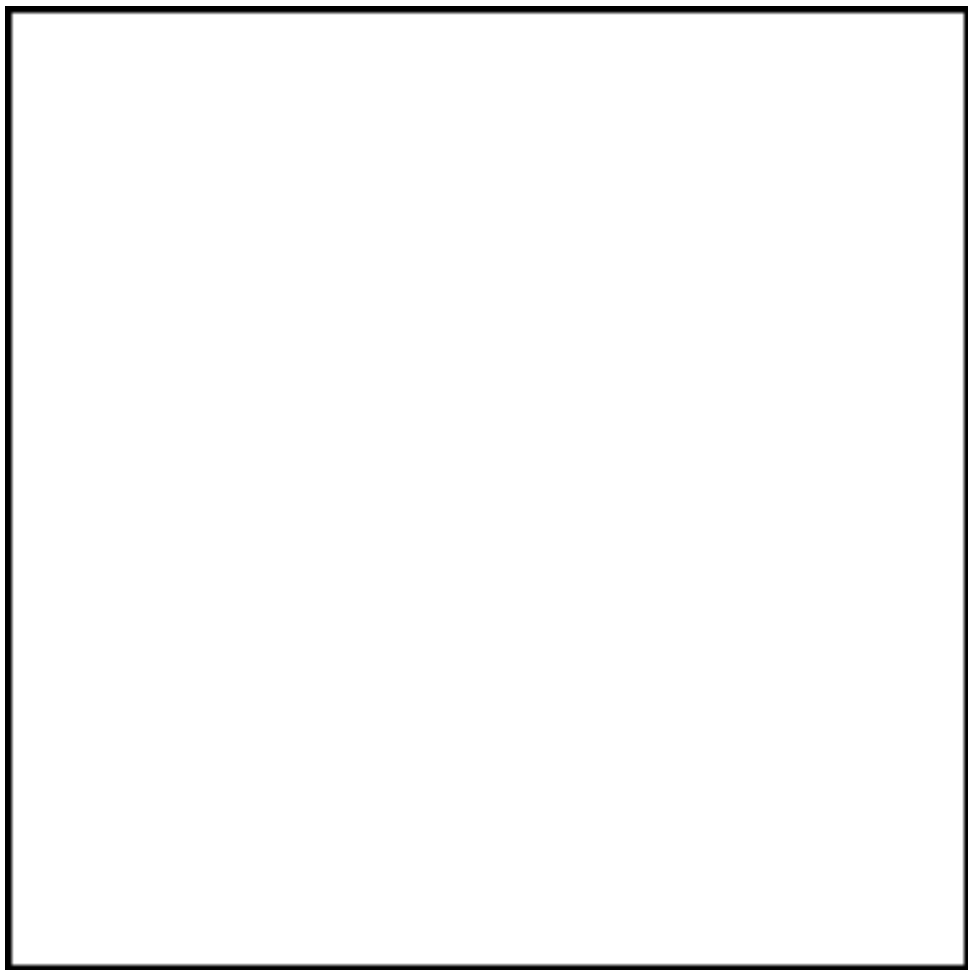
That would be ridiculous right???!! Yes!! That's Jesus' point. If you've got a large piece of wood sticking out of your eye = that would blind you so how could you see a speck in someone else's' eye!!!

Jesus says the mean, rude person in the church is quick to complain about other people's mistakes BUT they're BLINDED by their own junk and sin. Jesus warns us not to be judgmental like this in the church or in the world with other people.

Being mean to other people will never change other people for the better. Being mean to someone will not bring them closer to Jesus. People who are doing something wrong need the grace of Jesus. People who are sinning need the gospel of Jesus that says Jesus died for our sins to save us from our sins. And we need to remember we need Jesus as much as anyone before we ever tell someone else they need Jesus.

A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!



Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

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BROTHER, FIRST, HOLY, HYPOCRITE,
JUDGMENT, LOG, MEASURE, SEE, SPECK, TRAMPLE

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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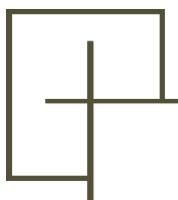
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- no food or drink other than water
- no writing utensils other than those provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone
- no coming on stage
- no standing on chairs

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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