

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

Order Of Worship

October 8, 2023

*Call to Worship | Isaiah 6:1-3 | Blake Arnoult

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

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

*Song of Adoration | O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Sing your praise to the Lord all the earth!

He breaks the power of reigning sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Sing your praise to the Lord all the earth!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Glory to God, and praise and Love
Be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.

Sing your praise to the Lord all the earth!

Music and Lyrics: Charles Wesley

***Confession of Faith | Romans 10:9**

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

9 If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

***Song of Confession | Blessed Be Your Name**

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

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 Sin | Agnus Dei

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.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 5:8 | 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.

8 God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*Song of Response | I Love You Lord

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

I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice.
To Worship You
Oh my soul, rejoice!

Take joy my King
In what You hear.
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear.

Music and Lyrics: Laurie B. Klein

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 Sweet and Awful Is The Place

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

How sweet and awful is the place
With Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays
The choicest of her stores!

Here every kindness of our God
With soft compassion rolls;
Here peace and pardon bought with blood
Is food for dying souls.

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast,
Each of us cry, with thankful tongues,
“Lord, why was I a guest?

“Why was I made to hear Thy voice,
And enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice,
And rather starve than come?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast
That sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste,
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God!
Constrain the earth to come;
Send Thy victorious Word abroad,
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full,
That all the chosen race
May with one voice, and heart and soul,
Sing Thy redeeming grace.

Music and Lyrics: Isaac Watts

Prayer for Christ's Church

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

***Reading of Scripture | Matthew 5:38-48 | Blake Arnoult**

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

38 You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"On Hating and Loving Enemies"

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 | Come, Then Lord Jesus

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

The Church has waited long, her absent Lord to see.
And still in loneliness she waits, a friendless stranger, she.
Age after age has gone. Sun after sun has set.
And still, in weeds of widowhood, she weeps a mourner yet.

The serpent's brood increase, the powers of hell grow bold,
The conflicts thicken, faith is low, and love is waxing cold.
How long, O Lord our God, Holy and true and good,
Wilt thou not judge Thy suffering Church, her sighs and tears and blood?

Come then, Lord Jesus, come
Come then, Lord Jesus
Come then, Lord Jesus, come, come, come.

We long to hear thy voice, to see Thee face to face,
To share Thy crown and glory then, as now we share Thy grace.
Should not the loving bride, the absent Bridegroom mourn?
Should she not wear the weeds of grief, until her Lord return?

Chorus

The whole creation groans, and waits to hear that voice,
That shall restore her comeliness, and make her wastes rejoice.
Come, Lord, and wipe away, the curse, the sin, the stain;
And make this blighted world of ours, Thine own fair world again!

/ Chorus /

Music and Lyrics: Katy Bowser, Kenny Hutson, Horatius Bonar

Departing Song | Revive Us Again

We begin to end in faith and song.

We praise Thee, O God!
For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus Who died,
And is now gone above.

We praise Thee, O God!
For Thy Spirit of light,
Who hath shown us our Savior,
And scattered our night.

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Revive us again.**

All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain,
Who hath borne all our sins,
And hath cleansed every stain.

All glory and praise
To the God of all grace,
Who hast brought us, and sought us,
And guided our ways.

Chorus

/ Revive us again;
Fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled
With fire from above. /

/ Chorus /

Music and Lyrics: W.P. Mackay

*Benediction | 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 | 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.

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12 and 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

Bible Studies

Women's Morning Study: Weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30am from August 23 - November 8 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.

Women's Retreat - Last day to sign up!

Saturday, October 21

Women are invited to join us from 8:30am - 5:30pm on Saturday, October 21 for a day trip to the Plank's farm in New Ulm, TX. Please let us know you are coming by scanning the QR code or visiting our website to sign up!



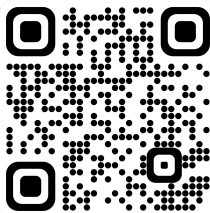
Picnic at the Park!

Sunday, October 15, 11:30am-2pm

Parents and all kids through 4th grade are invited to join us for a lunch provided by Cornerstone at Memorial Park on October 15 directly after the service! North Picnic Area: 6502 Arnot St. 77007.

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

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

Matthew 5:9



CATECHISM OF THE WEEK



Q. What will become of the wicked in the day of judgment?

A. They shall be cast into hell.

Q. What will become of the righteous?

A. They shall be taken to heaven.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Father, I pray for people around the world who hate Jesus and Christians that you would give them faith to believe in Jesus and know his love and salvation."

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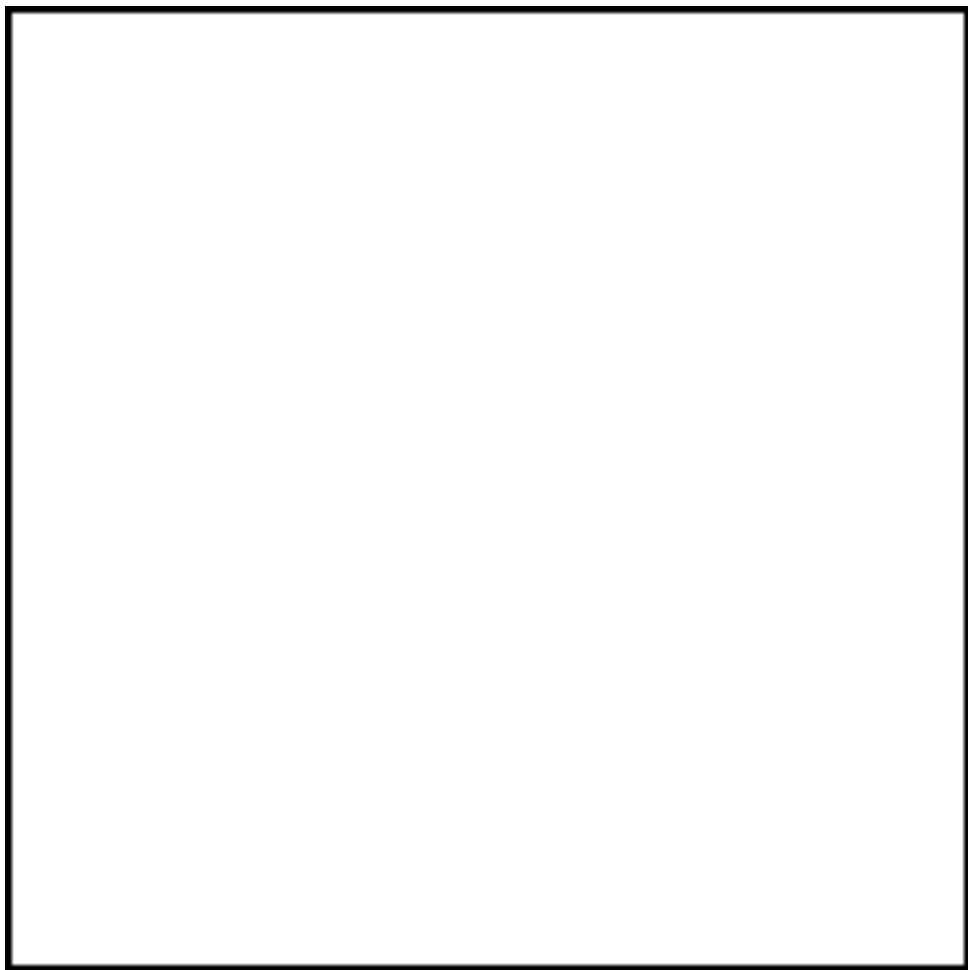
SERMON NOTES



Jesus gave us what sounds like a weird command, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). That sounds crazy!!!! We’re supposed to love those who hate us? Yes. There are a bunch of reasons for this. One, hating people who hate you will not make you feel good; hate will poison your heart and make you feel bitter and sad. Someone once said that hating people and not forgiving enemies is like “drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die.” Hating others is not good for you. Another reason we’re supposed to love our enemies is that hating others is not good for our enemies! And you may be tempted to think, “Duh that’s the point!” But remember, “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). The ONLY reason we are not God’s enemies right now is because Jesus lived for us and died for our sins. We don’t deserve God’s love and salvation. We’ve been saved totally by grace. And we’re supposed to hold out Jesus’ grace to us to our enemies.

A Drawing

Show off your artistic talents below!



Word Search

Find these words from the sermon!

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ENEMIES, EVIL, GIVE, GO, GOOD, HATING,
JUST, LOVING, PRAY, SAID

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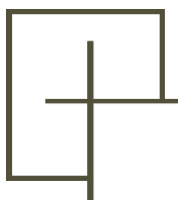
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- no food or drink other than water
- no writing utensils other than those provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone
- no coming on stage
- no standing on chairs

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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